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WASHINGTON NEWS

Peace Treaty Will Be Submitted to the Senate This Session.

POST OFFICES IN CUBA.

Rumors of Circulation of Counterfeit Coin in the South are Groundless—Bills Introduced.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House devoted the greater part of the day to the discussion of the Indian appropriation bill, passing it substantially as reported. This was the third of the appropriation bills to pass, and clears the calendar for the big supply bills which will come up early next week. The President will submit the peace treaty to the Senate during the present session. This action has been definitely decided upon. The text of the treaty has not yet been received here, as the peace commissioners thought it inadvisable to entrust the document to the mails, and are bringing it home with them. The commissioners will not reach Washington before next Saturday.

The river and harbor committee of the House today heard the petitions of delegates in favor of improvements in the river at Madison, Wis., and the harbor at Charleston, S. C. The committee also agreed to report favorably on the appropriation for a preliminary survey of the Ohio river near Cincinnati.

Representative Hull, of the committee on military affairs, today introduced a bill giving two months' extra pay to the volunteer troops who served abroad during the Spanish-American war.

Representative McRae, of Arkansas, introduced a bill extending alien labor laws to the recently acquired territory of Hawaii Representatives Hay and Lamb, of Virginia, introduced separate bills for the copying of Confederate records now on file in the war department. Representative Smith, of Michigan, introduced a bill providing for a national military reserve consisting of one regiment for each congressional district.

Members of the Cuban commission now in Washington, under the escort of Secretary Quesado today called on Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, and discussed tariff matters, the general purpose of the commission being to secure a better arrangement on such important products as sugar and tobacco. Chairman Dingley held that pending the determination of Cuba's future form of government, the United States government could do nothing in the way of establishing tariff rates, and the settlement of this question rested largely with the Cubans themselves.

Acting Postmaster-General Heath today received a telegram from Major General Greene, at Havana, announcing that a military postoffice had been established in that city and was ready for the transaction of business. The officials are prepared to handle all mail for troops in the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, and as soon as the Spaniards evacuate Matanzas, which will be accomplished in a few days, mail can be forwarded east as far as the railroad terminus at Santa Clara. Mail for Principe and Santiago can only be handled by water, and it is necessary to have naval vessels or transports before anything can be done with it by way of Havana

Regarding the rumors which have recently been given wide circulation through Southern central states, pointing to the circulation of large amounts of counterfeit silver dollars, Chief Wilke, of the secret service, today said that from circumstantial reports received by the banks, railroads, express agents and others, the coins attracted attention particularly in the vicinity of Memphis. Six weeks ago, when it was reported that counterfeit dollars made their appearance at Hollywood, Miss., agents of the treasury made a careful investigation and were shown a number of alleged counterfeit coins, which in each instance proved genuine. About a week ago these reports were revived at Memphis, and secret service agents were again detailed to investigate. They took the stories in circulation, and one by one ran down all alleged appearances of spurious coins at railway stations, banks, stores and express offices. Not a single counterfeit coin was discovered in the investigation, although hundreds of coins described as counterfeit had been seen and handled by agents.

The suspected coins were minted at New Orleans, bore the date of 1890, and evidently had been stored in the vaults of some bank for a long time, as they are practically new. The report that hundreds of them had been refused by Chicago banks and local banking institutions at Memphis was found to be without foundation. One Memphis banker admitted he declined to accept one hundred coins in exchange for currency, but in the particular instance referred to his refusal was based on the fact that the person who asked for the exchange was not a depositor. An ex-counterfeiter in that section had endeavored to get a number of people to buy counterfeit coins from him, and submitted these genuine coins as samples of what he was able to manufacture, but this was undoubtedly simply part of a bunco game.

A cablegram received at the navy department today, from Captain Barker, announced the arrival of the battleships Oregon and Iowa at Valparaiso, Chili. They will continue northward to Callao, their orders to proceed to Honolulu remaining unchanged.

The most encouraging reports concerning the health of the troops garrisoning the various points in Porto Rico continue to reach the war department.

The war investigating commission examined no witnesses today, but sat in executive session, discussing the work already accomplished. The commission is having considerable trouble with its stenographers, two of the four having resigned today.

NOW BRYAN CAN TALK.

Says Free Free Silver Will be the Main Issue in 1900.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The World tomorrow will publish the following: Wm. J. Bryan is in town. He was found last night at the Bartholdi hotel, and declared himself an uncompromising opponent of the McKinley policy of expansion. He said: "It is too early at this time to discuss party politics for the presidential election of 1900, but I think the issue then will be free silver, anti-expansion, anti-imperialism and rights of labor. I have expressed myself against imperialism and territorial expansion. The proposal to adopt the colonial idea of European powers is fraught with great danger. What will be the fate of the treaty I do not care to predict. While I was in Washington I sought all the information I could get, but cannot say that I learned sufficient to warrant me in expressing a positive opinion. Do I think free silver will be the issue in 1900? Certainly. It will be the main question. How about labor? I am not prepared to answer that question."

A RIOT AT HAVANA.

One Man is Killed and Five are Wounded.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—A riot occurred at Cerro, a suburb of Havana, last night, in which one man was killed and five wounded. The residents of Cerro supposing that the Spaniards had officially evacuated the suburbs, raised the Cuban and American flags, and their rejoicing led to the riot. According to the Spanish report the trouble was the result of a tavern brawl. Rion Brill, a member of the Second Illinois, who was driving through Cerro, was shot in the arm. The civil governor of Havana has informed General Greene that the offenders will be severely punished. At 9:45 tonight Generals Lee and Greene were in conference with the Spanish officials.

REMARKABLE RECORD.

Not a Fatal Mishap on the Lakes This Season.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A remarkable record was made on the Great Lakes during the season just closed. Investigations made today show that the passenger lines handled the immense number of people, far greater than in any preceding season, without one fatal mishap. This freedom from accidents was due to the improved facilities for guarding the lives of passengers, and to the extraordinary caution required of officers and crew.

RUSSELL RESIGNS.

He was a Friend of State Senator Burke.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the Cleveland Bar Association today, the following letter was received from L. A. Russell, who, at a meeting of the association last Saturday, to take action in the disbarment proceedings against State Senator Burke, made a sensational speech, saying if Burke had voted for Mark Hanna for United States senator he would not have been prosecuted:

To the President and Members of the Cleveland Bar Association:

GENTLEMEN—I consider that by the deliberate expulsion of Senator Vernon H. Burke from our association, under the circumstances, a foul blow is dealt to the reputation of a fellow member, and I, therefore, hereby tender my resignation as a member of the association and request its acceptance.

L. A. RUSSELL.

The association accepted the resignation.

QUIETED DOWN.

Debates in the Reichstag are Comparatively Mild.

A GAMBLING SENSATION.

Germany's Sympathies Were Overwhelmingly with Spain During the War—Emperor to Visit Rome.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The sessions of the Reichstag during the past week have not been as sensational as those of several preceding weeks. The debates were notable for giving the first official utterances on the Emperor's recent oriental trip, the Anglo-German understanding, and the pending German-American tariff negotiation. Some of the statements made in the debates were significant. Baron Von Thielman, minister of finance, speaking of the Spanish-American war, said:

"While it is true that during the war the sympathies of our nation were with the weaker and wrongfully attacked party, [cries of 'no' from the Leftist side] yet the attitude of the empire throughout the war was perfectly correct, and statements to the contrary by leading journals of the foreign press were malicious inventions."

The gambling scandal, affecting a number of the best known people in aristocratic circles, has created a great sensation. A smart club called the "Jovial Club," largely frequented by officers of the cavalry guard, high government officials, bankers, and members of the Reichstag, has existed in Berlin for years.

Count Posadowsky-Wehner, secretary of the interior and representative of the chancellor, in referring to the reduction in the imports from America, said: "Experts have been sent to the United States to investigate the matter, and it depends upon the reports they make whether we can facilitate such imports."

Herr Richter, leader of the opposition, while confirming Baron Thielman's statements as to Germany's attitude during the war, said: "I do not see why the sympathies of the German people should have been so overwhelmingly on the side of Spain as they were."

A stranger was recently introduced by two highly respected members and soon became a prime favorite. All went well until rumors about his antecedents began to be circulated, and it was noticed that at the gaming tables luck invariably favored him. The Berlin Tageblott says the stranger got many young men of the best families in his power and used them to his own advantage. Several club men lost immense sums of money, and their participation in the matter may result seriously for a number of military officers, in view of the Emperor's expressed determination to suppress gambling in army circles. The whole affair will be thoroughly sifted in the courts in the near future, and there are scores of men in high life who dread the developments which will follow.

Italian papers say the Emperor has made all arrangements for a visit of ten days in Rome, some time during January. According to the programme as given by the same paper, the Emperor will give a fancy dress ball, on a magnificent scale, at the German embassy.

SECRETARY VANDERLIP

Of the Treasury Department Seriously Ill.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, of the treasury department, is lying dangerously ill at St. Augustine, Fla. He went to Porto Rico on a mission for the government, including an investigation of the financial conditions there, and had returned as far as St. Augustine when taken ill. No fears are entertained as to his ultimate recovery.

BOATS LEAVE DETROIT.

Twenty Vessels Ice Bound in Lake Erie.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

DETROIT, Dec. 17.—At 6 o'clock Sunday morning a fleet of thirty-five down bound vessels, headed by ferry boats, will tackle the ice problem, and expect to reach clear water. The condition of the fleet imprisoned in Lake Erie remains unchanged. There are twenty vessels imprisoned in the ice between Amherstburg and Colchester, and three in the middle ground. The large wooden steamer City of Rome, loaded with salt, will be a total loss. She is valued at $65,000.

SENATOR JENNY'S TRIAL.

The Jury Fails to Agree, and is Sent Back for the Night.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of Senator Jenny, charged with complicity to misappropriate the funds of the First National bank in this city, announced at 5:30 this afternoon that they were unable to agree. The judge told the jurors that if any came to the conclusion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, they should adhere to their conviction and do their full duty. He asked the members if they wanted him to again read his charge but the foreman replied in the negative. Several jurors then asked to be discharged, but the court informed them that they had not had time to carefully weigh all the evidence and he would send them back. After being in court nearly an hour they were again escorted to the jury room. At 8:30 o'clock they were locked up for the night. Judge Bradford will come to the court tomorrow if the jurors ask for further instructions or announce that they have agreed. It is reported that the jury stands ten to two for acquittal, but nothing definite can be learned. Juror Frank Carrswell, while the jury was in court, stated to the judge that he believed the jurors could agree if they were allowed to remain together for some time. It is probable Judge Bradford will not discharge the jury, in event of disagreement, for several days.

COLLECTORS APPOINTED.

Army Officers are Assigned to Cuban Ports.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Army officers have been assigned as collectors of customs at ports in Cuba as follows: Maj Tasker H. Bliss, Havana; Capt. Wirt Robinson, Cienfuegos; Capt. T. E. Davis, Santiago; Maj. L. S. Roudiez, Matanzas; Capt. W. P. Evans, Cardenas; Capt. J. F. R. Landis, Caibarien; Capt. W. Y Stamper, Manzanillo; Capt. Geo. A. Corlish, Neuvitas; Capt. J. Bigelow, Jr., Sagua la Grande; Capt. Ellis, Guantanamo; Capt. G. K. McGongle, Barico; Capt. F S. Foltz, Batambo; Lieut. W. S. Newcomb, Trinidad; Capt. W. F. Blauvelt, Santa Cruz; Capt. H. C. Benson, Zaza. These officers are all familiar with the Spanish language, several having served as professors of Spanish at the military academy, and will have no difficulty in their duties with the residents of Cuba.

HOBSON AT LOUISVILLE.

Now on His Way to Join Admiral Dewey.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 18 — Lieutenant Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, stopped in the city today, enroute from Nashville to San Francisco, from which point he will sail for Hongkong. From the latter place he will go to Manila, having been detailed to assist Admiral Dewey in raising the sunken Spanish ships. Lieutenant Hobson was given an enthusiastic reception when he stepped off the train, and was induced to stay here all night. He will be the guest of a theatre party, and afterward will attend a banquet as the city's guest

Tonight Lieutenant Hobson was tendered a reception, and at its close was escorted to McCauley's theatre. As soon as he took his seat in the box, and the audience recognized him; they cheered wildly, and from the balcony came three cheers and a tiger, which the young hero acknowledged with a bow. At the conclusion of the first act the lieutenant was presented with a miniature design of the Merrimac in roses and carnations. At the end of the third act of "Shenandoah" the climax of Hobson's reception was reached. When the curtain was rang down the audience went wild, cheer after cheer filling the big theatre, and cries of "Hobson," "Hobson," and "speech," "speech" mingled with the cheers. The orchestra played the Star Spangled Banner, while the whole company waved flags. Finally, when the cheering ceased, Lieutenant Hobson made one of his characteristic speeches.

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE CASE.

Well Known Cleveland People the Principals.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—George Worthington, secretary of the Forest City Stone Company, brought suit today against F. M. Nicholas for $50,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections. Mrs Worthington was Miss Nannie Stewart, daughter of Wm. C. Stewart, president of the Forest City Stone Company. All move in the best society. Mrs. Worthington brought suit for divorce last July, alleging non-support. Worthington claims since June, 1896, two years after their marriage, his wife showed marked preference for the society of Nicholas even refusing to go to the theatre unless he was taken along, and charges her with questionable actions.

AT SAVANNAH.

The President Meets with an Enthusiastic Receprion.

TROOPS ARE REVIEWED.

The Party is Tendered a Grand Banquet, and the President Delivers an Address—Will Leave for Macon Tonight.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

SAVANNAH, Dec. 17—The reception tendered to President McKinley and the members of his party today by the people of Savannah more than equaled in hospitality and completeness the experience of any previous presidential trip South. The party arrived from Montgomery at 11 o'clock this morning and were at once taken to the stand erected for the purpose, where the President reviewed the ten thousand troops which are now stationed in the vicinity of Savannah. Afterwards the party made a trip down the Savannah river, and were entertained tonight at a grand banquet tendered by the chamber of commerce and an association of citizens. The citizens were enthusiastic in their reception, and fully fifteen thousand people from the surrounding country have helped to do the President honor. Previous to the speech of President McKinley, addresses of welcome were deilvered by Mayor Meldrim, D. G. Purse and others Amid frequent and enthusiastic applause the President addressed his audience as follows

"There is great cause for congratulation that in the grave problems before us growing out of the war with Spain, we are free from any divisions at home. Our financial and revenue systems cannot be changed for at least four years, and whatever legislation may be enacted affecting them during that period will be to improve and strengthen, and not to destroy them. The public mind can, therefore, repose in reasonable security, and business can proceed without apprehension of sudden and serious changes so disturbing to the commercial world and so distressing to business—all of which are fortunate for the country, for every interest and every section. Even those who desire other and different policies prefer permanence to constaut change. Happily, there are no differences sufficient to check the progress and prosperity of the country, which our peaceful relations with the whole world will encourage and strengthen.

"This is fortunate, too, in another sense. It leaves the country free to discuss and consider new questions which are now before us, unbiased by party or or past political alliances. These new questions are to be thought out and wrought out, not in a spirit of partisanship, but in a spirit of patriotism Not for temperorary advantage of one party or another, but for the lasting benefit of the country. Neither prejudice nor passion, nor previous conditions, can embarrass the free action or calm judgment of our citizens. We have entered upon new paths, and are treading an unexplored field which will test our wisdom and statesmanship. The chief consideration is one of duty, and our actions must be controlled by it. No settlement of the momentous questions is admissible which will not preserve our honor and promote the best interests of all concerned.

"With a united country and a gathered wisdom, all the people seeking only the right, inspired only by high purposes, moved only by duty and humanity, we cannot err. We may be baffled and deterred, and often discouraged, but our final success in a cause which is altogether unselfish and humanitarian can only be deferred, not prevented, if we follow the clear precepts of duty. Territory falls to us and an alien people requires our guidance and protection. Who will shrink from the responsibility, grave though it may be? Can we leave these people, who by the fortunes of war and our own acts are helpless and without a government, to chaos and anarchy, after we have destroyed the only government they had? After destroying the government they had, it is the duty of the American people to provide them with a better one.

"Shall we distrust ourselves? Shall we proclaim to the world our inability to give kindly government to the oppressed peoples whose future, by the victories of war, is confided to us? We may wish it were otherwise, but who will question our duty now? The islands of the East were taken by Dewey and Merritt and the country instantly and universally applauded. Could we have brought Dewey away from Manila without universal condemnation at any time since the first of May, the day of his brilliant victory, which called forth the admiration of the world? Was it right to order Dewey to go to Manila and destroy the Spanish fleet, and afterwards to send Merritt to reinforce him? If it were duty to send them there, and duty required them to remain there, it was their clear duty to annihilate the Spanish fleet, take the city of Manila and destroy the Spanish sovereignty in the archipelago. Having done all that in the line of duty, is there any less duty to remain there and give the inhabitants our protection and our guidance—a guidance to a better government, which will secure to them peace and order, protection to life and property and the pursuit of happiness? Are we unable to do this? Are we to sit down in our isolation and recognize no obligation to the struggling people whose present unhappy condition we helped to make?"

All the cabinet officers responded to toasts, as well as others. General Wheeler, amid intense enthusiasm, replied to the toast "Woman," with a glowing, chivalrous tribute which touched the hearts of his Southern audience. The banquet then concluded. Tomorrow will be a day of rest for the presidential party at the Desota hotel. Tney leave for Macon at midnight tomorrow.

TEXAS AT HAVANA.

U. S. Battleship is now Anchored in the Harbor.

Orders Issued by the Captain General to Suppress Cuban Publications which Cause Disorder.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—The United States battleship Texas arrived this afternoon. Gen. M. C. Butler of the American evacuation commission arrived here tonight on the steamer Mascotte. General Lee called upon Governor General Castellanos who, in course of their conversation said he always greatly admired General Robert E. Lee. Senor Fernandez de Castro will shortly issue a decree prohibiting gambling. The decree includes social clubs. Governor General Castellanos is about to issue a decree directing the absolute suspension of lottery drawings.

Governor General Catellanos issued orders tonight for the seizure of printing outfits and editions of certain clandestine Cuban publications which circulate in the city and which tend to provoke trouble and cause disorders. The decree will probably be enforced tonight.

The Cuban brigadier general, Rogedo Castillo, died tonight, from pneumonia, at Gauntanamo.

SOCIALISTS ARE DOWNED.

They Show But Little Strength When it Comes to Votes.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—The debate on social conditions and the proposed remdies for so called evils, at the afternoon session of the American Federartion of Labor, continued almost to the close of the day's proceedings. The result was the utter rout of the Socialists. The resolutions were buried by a vote of 4½ to 1. The report of the resolutions committee, embodying the resolution offered as a substitute for the Socialist resolutions, were then adopted by a vote of 807 for to 420 against the substitute. Previous to balloting today the Socialists claimed 890 votes in the convention. The resolution was finally adopted as follows: "We stand committed against the indorsement or introduction of partisan politics, religious differences or race prejudices. We hold it to be the duty of trades unionists to study and discuss all questions that have any bearing upon their industrial or political liberty, but we declare it not within the province of the American Federation of Labor to designate to which political party members shall belong or for which political party he shall vote." The convention then listened to an address by Clarence Darrow, a Chicago lawyer.

BASE BALL MATTERS.

The National League May Consist of Eight Clubs.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—After a prolonged session, the National League base ball association concluded their annual meeting last night and adjourned, to meet again the last Tuesday of February, the date of the schedule meeting. While instructions indicate that a playing schedule will be arranged and the league consist of twelve clubs, many who claim to have an inside knowledge say there is a well-defined scheme to reduce the league to eight clubs. The twelve-clubs league has been found unwieldy. Baltimore and Brooklyn will exchange teams and many other changes are pending.]

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MORLEY'S BIG WORK.

WRITING THE BIOGRAPHY OF MANY SIDED GLADSTONE.

Startling Contradictions in the Life of England's Marvelous Old Man. Notable Examples of Grandeur and Tenderness.

[Special Correspondence.]

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The announcement that the Hon. John Morley is to write the life of Mr. Gladstone has been variously received in literary and political circles. No one doubts Mr. Morley's ability to perform well any literary task assigned to him. As the political friend and colleague of the deceased statesman he is fully equipped with the requisite knowledge to convey a correct conception of him as a great public leader and as a man of superior mental endowments. He was upon terms of the most intimate relationship with Mr. Gladstone for many years preceding his death and was largely responsible for the home rule bill introduced by the Gladstone ministry, and which finally led to Mr. Gladstone's retirement from the arena of politics. Mr. Morley was the most trusted of the dead statesman's political friends, and both before and since his appointment as chief secretary for Ireland he has been a consistent Home Ruler, something which could never be said of Mr. Gladstone.

But intimate as Mr. Morley was with his deceased friend for many years and strong as were the bonds of sympathy which drew them together there was a phase of Mr. Gladstone's character for which his biographer could scarcely be

RIGHT HON. JOHN MORLEY.

expected to have any strong feeling of appreciation. Mr. Gladstone was profoundly religious, and he perhaps regarded the work he accomplished in the sphere of religious thought as equal to if not greater than what he achieved in politics. The spiritual side of his nature dominated his life, and whatever may have been the effect of his political conduct, ethically considered, his influence was undoubtedly largely moral in its nature.

Though a moral man, it can scarcely be claimed that Mr. Morley's code of morals depends for its validity upon religious sanctions. He has been known for years as broadly skeptical in his views, and even so long ago as 1876, when he published his life of Rousseau, he insisted upon the name of the Deity being printed with a small "g" when it appeared in his book. A man who went so far in displaying his antipathy to the fundamental idea involved in religion can scarcely be expected to have much regard for the profound religiousness of Mr. Gladstone. Should he express his real views of it all, which is unlikely, he will probably refer to it as one of the most notable weaknesses of his distinguished friend.

The name of Gladstone has been a familiar one to me since my younger years. I have seen him frequently and have been fascinated by his personality and charmed by the magic of his eloquence.

I remember well in the sixties when he emerged from the shell of Toryism and became the strong right arm of the democracy. He talked out loud about the divine right of the people's will, whereupon Punch christened him the "People's Will," and when he brought in the measure for lowering the franchise he and it were known as the "People's Bill." Now he became a man to know, and from then onward he was a sight to see. Let me recall a few scenes, memorable at least to me, a hero worshiper. First, always bear in mind that Gladstone's fame, or rather popular interest in him, was won by other means than the fame, say, of John Bright or Disraeli. They took up a cause and by unbroken devotion to it won respect and power and success. With Gladstone it was much more his way of renouncing than of adhering to his firm convictions that made him so talked about. He set out as a high Tory, changing in due course to Conservative, then Whig, then Liberal, then Radical, then Irish Liberator. He was the hottest advocate of the interests of slaveholders against the abolitionists, but in later life became the foremost champion of the downtrodden English laborer. It would be very easy to demonstrate the truth of the assertion that for every emphatic declaration on a principle or a policy that can be adduced an equally emphatic declaration of the precise opposite can be quoted from the same lips at some other period. But progress is of course vastly better than stagnation.

He made the biggest break of his public life when, on being rejected by Oxford university in 1865 after representing it in parliament for 18 years, he threw off the livery of Toryism for the freedom of Liberalism. I was in a front seat, just underneath him, when he rushed from Oxford to Manchester, the home and school of Radicalism, and burst upon the excited audience with the electrifying avowal, "At last I have come among you—unmuzzled!" Only those who know something of the political ferment of those days and the enthusiasm of the Lancashire lads and lassies can form any sort of idea of the scene. It was what the pious Jews of our fond imagination would feel and show if the veritable Messiah were to greet them in Westminster abbey. It was an epoch making gathering, for Lord Palmerston, the stop gap of political reform, was quitting the scene, the long smothered hopes of the people were at last finding a free course, the Lancashire cotton famine caused by the war had sharpened the hunger for rights withheld, and here, at last, with the horn had come the man, by common consent the ablest and most masterful of all living Englishmen. No wonder if Gladstone worked himself up into Jovelike excitement that momentous day. That speech of his he knew was the deathknell of the political supremacy of aristocracy in his native land. But I must skip much that one could be tempted to spin into an endless yarn. Jump now to the precincts of Westminster hall, the kingly chamber built by William Rufus. Gladstone's ministry had brought in a budget that threatened to put a tax on matches. The pauper labor matchmakers of the east end rose up in arms. They marched up to the parliament houses; it is a crime in law for a mob to go within half a mile of it during session. The shoeless army, more women than men, swept past the police, swarmed into the palace yard, whirled madly through the great doorway into the sacred hall itself, and I, alas, whirled in with them, a straw in the waves—pandemonial screechings, fightings, woundings, as a force of police, let in at a back door, swooped down on us from above, cracking heads like jokes and meeting yells with whacks from oaken cudgels. By sheer luck I dodged through and behind the bobbies and joined a throng of retreaters, many of whom were terrified members of parliament, and as I gained the open, lo, there before me glared those terrific eyes—I don't say terrified, but the anguish of that pale countenance was worthy of Milton's Lucifer in the defiant agony of his fall.

Not long after this I was strolling through St. James park when a singularly graceful walker came down the path, his face radiant as with angelic bliss. It was Gladstone, the most agile yet easy walker of his years I have ever seen, just as his face, when in pleasant repose, was of all men's faces the most beautiful, using the word in the higher sense. An old woman had some difficulty in rising from her seat or had dropped something, I forget which, but in an instant the grand old gentleman was tenderly steadying her for her toddle homeward. I am not given to doffing my hat to big folk, but the heart salute I paid him then did me as much good as a draft of "old stingo" would, and that is saying a good deal, as the initiated know. The scene shifts, and I am gazing, fascinated as ever, at the same noble form. But some chill blast from the east must have blown into that impetuous soul through one of the nasty chinks which political rancor too readily opens. My saintly Gladstone is letting off steam in a furious harangue from his place as prime minister. Those dancing eyes are now mimicking the forked lightnings that shoot from the ugly cloud, and I wonder that that row of wretched criminals on the front bench of the Opposition don't drop prone on the floor. The storm ends at last; the blank silence that follows is broken by the voice, the comical, dismal voice, of the arch offender, Benjamin Disraeli, whom we expect will hurl back thunderbolts at the accuser's head. This is what that consummate actor retorted: "I congratulated myself during the right honorable gentleman's speech that there was this good, substantial article of furniture between us (tapping the huge oak table), as otherwise I dread to think what might have happened." At this the house roared with laughter, the sally was so in contrast with the attack, but Gladstone's passion resumed its ascendency, and he stalked out of the house. I was present when he addressed audiences of 25,000 and 16,000 each

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time under a roof and at many of his largest open air meetings. The strange charm of his expressive face and exquisitely modulated voice never failed to rivet the attention of his hearers, but it is only the plain truth to say that the heaviness of his style, the long, involved and Latinized sentences and the absence of humor and fancy made it rather a dry task to sit out two hours of his oratory. It is nevertheless true that no other leader of the people in our time has possessed a tithe of the influence, personal chiefly, wielded so long by Gladstone, the man in earnest.

OLIVER LEIGH.

A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY.

Don't care how the cotton sells—
Takin' of my ease
Where the music of the bells
Jingles on the breeze!

Don't care how the country goes,
Roamin' far an' free;
In the woods there blooms a rose,
Red and sweet for me!

Don't care how the cities roll—
Thunderin' along
Streak o' sunshine in my soul,
Twinklin' into song!

Don't care where my life is led—
Still it's honey sweet;
Blue sky smilin' overhead—
Green earth at my feet!

Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

THE CHILDREN'S POET.

The Little Friends of Eugene Field to Rear a Monument.

The children weep because they love him;
Then hands strew violets above him;
They lisp his dear name in their dreams,
And in their sorrows and afflictions
Old men breathe dying benedictions
Where on his grave the starlight gleams.

It has been proposed by the friends of the late Eugene Field to raise a fund among the children of the country to rear a monument to the memory of the dead poet. The plan is to make the subscriptions very small—a nickel or a dime, so as to give all the little ones who desire to do so an opportunity to show their affection in this way for the dead laureate. Nothing would mark the last resting place of Eugene Field so fittingly as a testimonial from the children who furnished the inspiration for his best and latest work.

Mr. Field was a gifted poet and story writer, this love for little people was turned into a great many charming fancies for them. Probably every boy and girl reading this paragraph will have listened to or read for themselves that lovely bedtime poem "Wynken, Blynken and Nod," or that scarcely less well known and liked other lullaby.

The Rock-a-By Lady, who comes from Hushaby Street,
With poppies that hang from her head to her feet.

or that exquisite bit of verse that sings itself as you read it, "Little Boy Blue" or some other of the musical poems with sweet thoughts in them that Mr. Field has written.

The following is one of the many touching incidents brought out by the death of the children's friend: A wealthy lady of Chicago was purchasing flowers to send to the home of the dead poet. Near her stood a little girl whose raiment proclaimed her humble station. Learning where the flowers were to be sent, she turned to the florist and said "I knew Mr. Field. Won't you please give me a flower to send too?" The dealer picked out a crumpled rose and the child asked the lady if she would allow it to go with her offering. The request was granted and that rose was tenderly placed in the sightless hand of the children's poet and buried with him.

Incongruous Friends.

A pretty story of affection between a cat and a rat comes from the shores of Lake Ontario by way of the New York World. A farmer, who is also a shopkeeper, found a nest of rats in pulling down an old shed, and one of two baby rats stole into a pocket of his coat. It seemed so helpless and trustful that he could not bear to kill it, and kept it as a pet, feeding it with meat and cheese, which it took from his hand.

Its life was in constant danger from the cat, and to save it he put it into a large wire cage. By and by the cat grew accustomed to its presence, and finally the farmer one day put the cat also into the cage. It made one or two half-hearted attempts to catch the rat, and then lay down and went to sleep.

The upshot of the matter was that the two animals became fast friends. Now they fairly live together. By day they wander in company about the house, and shop, or lie side by side in the show window, where the strange sight attracts much attention.

They are very jealous of each other. If any one pets the cat, the rat runs about squeaking with anger. If the rat is the favored one, the cat in its turn bristles and complains. If they get separated for any great length of time they are sure to be soon looking for each other, and sometimes when they meet they fairly dance for joy.

Youthful Heroines.

One need not be a boy in order to be brave. The West lately had two very heroic episodes within a few days of each other, and in each case the "hero" was a heroine, and a very small heroine at that.

At Grand Rapids, Minn., Gertie Anderson, eight years old, saved the lives of two score of people. She was picking strawberries beside the railroad track which runs near some subterranean lakes, the precise location of which had never been known, and which were not regarded as dangerous.

A passenger train passed the child, and almost immediately after she was horrified to see two hundred feet of the track disappear under water. The regular train was due in a short time, and the child, realizing the danger, ran down the road and waved her sunbonnet when the train came into sight. Fortunately the engineer saw the signal and stopped the train just in time. The passengers made up a purse on the spot for their brave little deliverer, who, child-like, was so frightened when all was over that she had to be carried to her home.

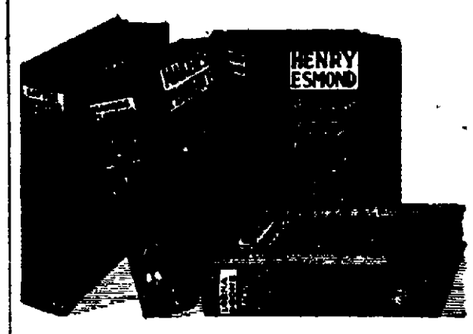
In San Francisco the baby daughter of the captain of a steamer fell from the wharf into the water. Little Katie O'Connell, nine years old, saw the baby fall, and plunged in after it.

She grasped the little one's skirts and clung with the other hand to the pier until help came, when she was taken out almost exhausted. The grateful father had a gold medal made for the little girl who saved his baby.

The coolness and courage of these children shows that these qualities may be developed very early in life, and in girls as well as in boys.

He Cares for Us.

"We are the portion the Lord takes out of the hand of His enemy and ours, and He cares for us as such. A love that is everlasting, a care that is likened to that which guards the pupil of the eye, a fidelity of attachment to which the mother's love finds no parallel—these have been expended on us and are still in operation towards us. Can it be doubted, then, that He cares for us!"—Dr. John Hall.



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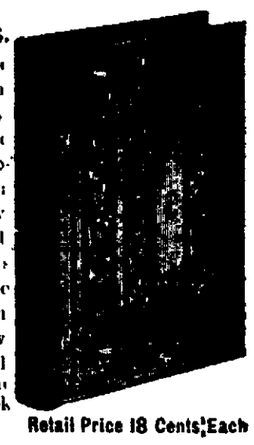

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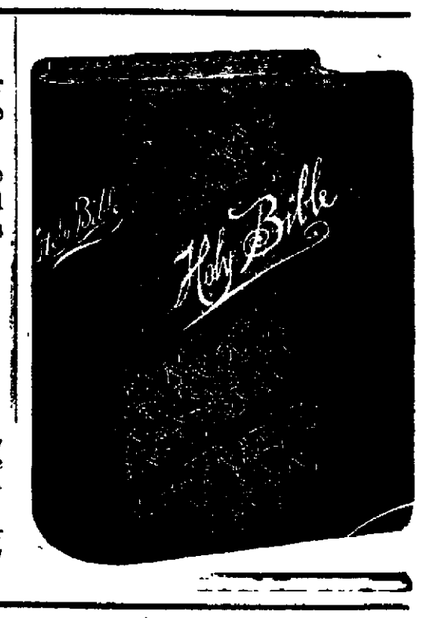

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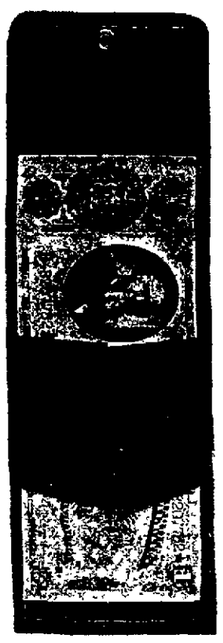

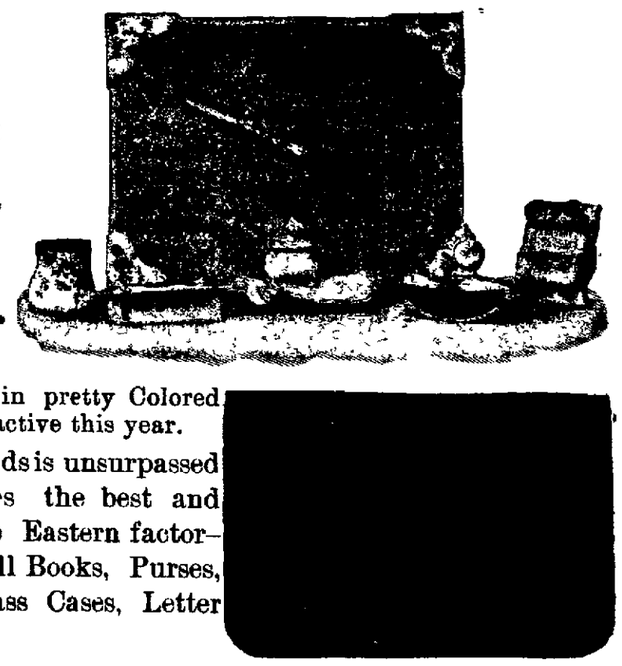

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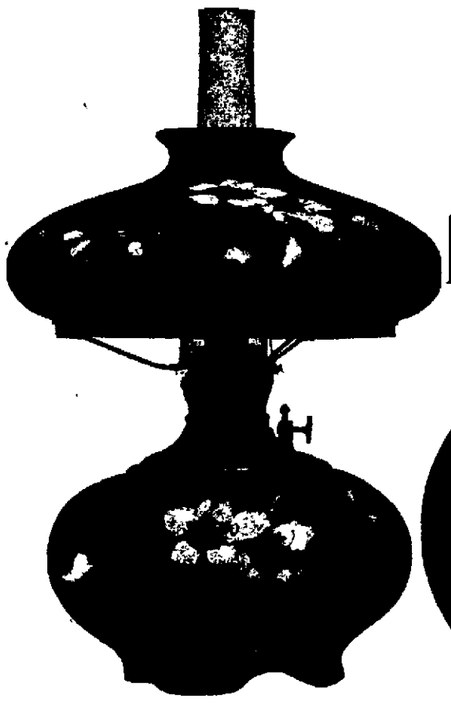

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FIVE LITTLE BOYS.

Jee—
I'd be a fifer on the Fourth
And lead the martial band;
To march through town,
All up and down,
And play on every hand.

Horace—
I'd like to be a G. A. R.,
With uniform so blue;
And sword of might,
And bayonet bright,
And soldier's knapsack, too.

Theodore—
I'd rather be a marshal,
And ride a prancing horse,
I'd take the lead
With my fine steed,
And wear a badge, of course.

Harry—
Oh, I would be an orator,
And where the crowd could see,
I'd stand up high
On the Fourth of July,
And talk of liberty.

Roy—
Well, I would be just what I am,
A boy among the boys;
And go it strong
The whole day long,
With flags and fun and noise.
—Youth's Companion.

HUNTING ON THE WATER

Probably there are few of my readers that live near or have visited the seashore but are familiar with the porpoise, the sleek, shiny fellow that appears to go rolling along the beaches like a living wheel, now appearing just within the breakers, and again in deeper water, moving along one after another in a long, continuous line, so that we might almost think that the sea-serpent was before us.

If we sailed up our eastern coast in a yacht we should find porpoises at every move, but when we entered the wide waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, if we were still on the lookout almost the first object that would appear would be an animal very much like our common porpoise, about ten or twelve feet long, with a fluked tail, and rising out of the water with the same wheel-like rolling motion. But here the resemblance ceases, as the porpoise before us, instead of being black, is almost pure white, presenting a rich and beautiful contrast to the dark water. In fact, it is not a porpoise, but a fourth or fifth cousin—the beluga, or white whale.

These beautiful cetaceans are rarely found in warm waters, but from the mouth of the St. Lawrence to the north and in the same latitude on the Pacific coast, they are very common, and their skin, bones and oil are valuable commodities to the dwellers of the far north.

In the region I have mentioned many of the natives and Indians are engaged in their capture. Some take them in enormous nets made out of rope in stead of twine; others build fences across shallow bays, and so endeavor to entrap them; while many more use the harpoon or rifle.

Not many seasons ago a party were cruising in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and were so captivated with the skill displayed by the Indian porpoise and white whale shooters that they determined to try it themselves. Finally, arrangements were made with the Indians to take them out, and one morning, before the thick fog had lifted the yachtsmen heard the hail of the Indians, and hurried on deck to find several canoes alongside waiting for them, each with a native in the stern, holding the slight craft against the wind with a single paddle.

"White whale get breakfast now, take um then," said one of the Indians. "When see white head, shoot quick, little low; high, no hit; make whale laugh."

By these disconnected sentences the white man assumed that he must shoot quickly or the whale would laugh at him, and it occurred to him that it would be quite worth while to shoot slowly, if by so doing the white whale could be seen laughing; but a more serious object was in view, and, rifle in hand, the hunter crouched in the bow, and peered through the mist, while the canoe danced along over the waves like a living thing. For half an hour they sped on in the gloom, and then a curious change began; the mist assumed a brassy, metallic hue. The drops or atoms of moisture seemed to sparkle and shine like gems and finally the sun—a great yellow ball—appeared and before its smiling face the gloomy mist separated and sped away. As the mist arose a beautiful scene presented itself. The current was running swiftly out, and against a stiff northeast wind, the result being to produce a series of curious rollers in midstream that broke into whitecaps, the foam flashing in the morning sun like molten sliver.

To send the canoe into these seas seemed a perilous proceeding, but it was too late to consider it, for with a rush the slight craft leaped among them, and in a second was bounding along, rising and falling like a feather. As the hunter was observing this, a low "hiss" came from the Indian, and right alongside rose a white dome-shaped head, and a loud, piercing "hiss" or whistle penetrated the air.

"White man make whale laugh, sure," said the Indian, with a grin, as the hunter recovered from his surprise and aimed his rifle where the whale's head had been. Here, indeed, was the belugas' breakfast table, as in the current now appeared numbers of oval heads, rising, puffing, and blowing all about, enough to confuse even an old hand at the exciting business.

"Now!" shouted the Indian, as a head appeared a short distance off. He held the canoe in position in a miraculous manner; the hunter brought his rifle to bear quickly, fired, and a great white creature hurled its tail high in the air, and beat the water furiously.

"Good!" shouted the Indian, and with a quick motion of the paddle, he put the canoe alongside the struggling creature, now darting this way and that to avoid the flying tail, then with a quick motion dropped the paddle and seized a sharp lance, with rapid blows putting the poor creature out of its misery.

"Worth $5," said the Indian, as he put his fingers in the animal's blowhole and held it while he attached a painted keg that would float the animal until it could be towed ashore.

"What parts do you use?" asked the hunter.

"Skin make leather; white man make box" (trunks), "bag, belt, all things; send over water; oil best kind for clock, small wheel; flesh Injun eat."

In fact, almost every part of the beluga was of some use. The leather is very valuable, and the oil is in demand for fine and delicate machinery. In a few moments the canoe was bounding along again in search of more game, and, as before, a white head popped up like a Jack-in-the-box almost ahead. The hunter was about to fire, when, in the same spot, not ten feet from the canoe, a monster whale rose clear of the water. The hunter staggered back, almost thinking that it was coming aboard; and then, when the shapely whale was high in air, he fired, shooting the animal in mid-air—literally a wing shot.

All this occurred in much less time than it takes to tell it, and before the gunner had recovered from his astonishment at the sudden apparition the animal had fallen with a tremendous crash that almost swamped the boat. With a wild leap of pain and terror it rose again, then fell upon its side, beating the dark waters into silvery foam with its powerful tail.

No approach was possible now; the animal was striking blows any one of which would have demolished the canoe, rushing blindly this way and that, darting about in circles, evidently badly wounded. For some time the canoe was paddled about the maddened creature; then deftly running in, the Indian, having attached a line to the lance, hurled it into the white hide, and a second later canoe and occupants were dashing along over the seas in a mad race after the whale.

In time, however, its strength failed, and the canoe was hauled alongside, and the work finished with another lance. After several more whales were killed—and it must be confessed a larger number missed by the amateurs—the canoe finally took the game in tow and hauled them in shore, where they were cut up, and the valuable parts removed.

The white whales breathe ("spouts") just as do other whales, and it might be well to state here that although whales are often pictured in the act of spouting great streams of water, it is an impossibility.

There is a special arrangement in the blow-pipe of the whale to prevent the entrance of water, and what is seen coming out—the so-called "spouting"—is merely the hot air from the lungs, that condenses when it strikes the cold open air, and falls in a shower of fine rain or mist.

When salt water is seen to go up it has been hurled into the air by the rush of hot air, and merely happened to be over the blow-pipe at the time. So sudden and complete is this condensation that even old whalers are deceived, and are indignant when told by a landsman that the animals do not spout salt water.—Harper's Young People.

A New Progressive Game.

This game has about it all the excitement of a progressive game, while it is not confined to cards, for which many do not care, and of which many do not approve. It may be played at any number of tables, arranged in the order of progression, the winning couple at each table going on to the next and there changing partners, as in progressive euchre. The requirements for the game are a box of the ordinary "Anagram" cardboard letters, such as may be obtained at the toy stores for twenty-five cents, and tally cards, one for each person, the arrangement of which is left to the discretion of the hostess. A small heap of these letters is placed in the centre of each table, all turned carefully face downward.

Two couples play at each table, the opposite partners joining forces and counting their joint gains at each progression.

Before the bell rings as a signal to "play," the hostess goes to each table and assigns to the players there a class of names, so that each table has a different class. For instance, to the head table may be givn "names of cities," to the others, respectively, "men's names," "animals," "things to eat," "noted writers," "names of books," etc. When a name has been assigned to each table the hostess rings her bell, and immediately the first lady at each table draws and turns over a letter, so that all four players may see it simultaneously. The first one of the four to name an object of the assigned class beginning with that letter wins the letter and places it to one side as his first gain. Then the next player turns up a letter, and so on in turn for the three minutes allowed at each table.

When the bell calls a halt the partners at each table count together the letters they have captured, and the two having the greater number progress to the next table, or if at the head table, remain there, while the other two "go to the foot," as in progressive euchre. At the next table the letters are turned over on their faces once more, the class of objects to be named is changed, and on the ringing of the bell the play is continued as before. So the game goes on for as long as may be desired, when prizes are awarded to the lady and gentleman whose tally cards show the greatest number of progressions. The class of objects must be changed each time, and should be varied as much as possible. There may be names of flowers, fruits, colors, birds, fishes, heroes, articles of clothing, of drink, countries, rivers, and all the geographical divisions, magazines, colleges and Bible personages.

The tally cards for this game may, of course, be made very attractive and amusing, and so may the prizes. At one party which I attended the first prizes were tiny silver pencils shaped like matches, having enameled ends and accompanied by cards on which was written, "You have won the match."

The booby prizes were cheap linen alphabet books—a gentle hint for the studying of the dictionary.—Abbie F. Brown, in Ladies' Home Journal.

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The juvenile demands for lead soldiers this Christmas probably exceeds that of any previous year, and there will be a howl of disappointment when young America discovers that there are no rough riders in his stocking. The fault, it appears, lies at the door of the German manufacturers, who failed to foresee what would be the demand of small boys in the United States this winter. Business proceeds slowly and ponderously in Germany, but it is possible that leaden rough riders will flood the market next June when juvenile military enthusiasm has subsided.

Should Mayor Wise, at Mr. Goudy's intigation, succeed in stirring up the interest of the business men in the long talked of road between Massillon and Dalton and East Greenville, to the extent of getting the enterprise under way, he will have accomplished great things. While Mr. Goudy is thinking of soliciting contributions, and gaining the good will of the city council, he might see what could be done about collecting the bond forfeited through the failure of the Canton-Massillon Electric Railroad Company to build the Massillon-Navarre road and have it applied on the present undertaking.

The recent reference made by Senator Hoar to the purchase by the United States of Spanish sovereignty over the Philippine islands furnishes renewed evidence of the ability of certain individuals to collect misinformation. The United States never purchased the sovereignty of Spain over the Philippines. The $20,000,000 which this government proposes to pay is compensation for permanent improvements made by Spain in those islands and in order that they may be ceded to us by treaty and save us the expense and loss of life which would be necessary if we completed Dewey's victory and took what remained of them by force of arms. Spain had no sovereignty in the Philippines to sell. It expired with Montijo's fleet in Manila harbor on May 1.

The ability of Spanish writers to exaggerate in favor of their own people is shown in a Spanish account of the blockade of Santiago from the pen of an eye witness, a lieutenant second in command of the Spanish naval forces of the province of Santiago. Among other things he says:

"The Spanish ships in Santiago harbor succeeded for forty-six days in keeping before the mouth of the harbor a vastly superior fleet, which performed no acts of prowess except to throw a hail of projectiles, which did comparatively little damage. One could not obtain better results with less work, and if provisions had not been wanting in Santiago, God knows, if our fleet had remained there, to what extreme of impatience and despair might not Admiral Sampson have been carried."

It is perhaps true that most thinking people who, by means of the pages of history, have become witnesses, as it were, of the rise, growth and decadence of the nations of the past, regret that the islands of the Philippine archipelago should have fallen under our jurisdiction, for almost without exception such nations as had risen to wealth and power, on commencing aggressive wars, led on by vain ambition, love of conquest and lust for extended dominion, commenced digging their own graves. We did not want Cuba or Porto Rico, much less the Philippines, but we did feel that the brutalities of the Spanish government in Cuba must stop. We entered into the war for humanity's sake alone, when, thanks to the skill and courage of our sailors and soldiers, almost before we had time to think, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines were ours. The two former are at our doors and we believe we can Americanize them, but the government and disposition of the far distant Philippines are problems yet to be solved. We are sorry we have them, but providence has taken them out of the hands of Spain and placed them in ours, and American citizens must not shirk their duty. We must await developments, be guided by circumstances as they arise, remembering that there is a man at the helm of tried wisdom and patriotism, upon whose strong and steady hand we may rely to pilot us in safety out of the maze in which the events of war have for the moment placed us.

It is difficult to overthrow the influences of a life time. Aguinaldo, with the example of Spain before him has begun to file protests against the real and imaginary Philippine policy of the United States. The effect of protests upon the American administration has thus far not been such as to offer much encouragement to the would-be dictator and his followers, but they may rest assured that a sufficient number of pigeon holes will be provided for the accommodation of all such documents.

The late Hon. John P. Jones is being quoted as the deliverer of weighty prognostications concerning the gubernatorial situation and the probable nomination of Judge William R. Day. If Judge Day, who has just been released from his tremendous responsibilities as chairman of the American peace commission, cares to take an active part in the politics of his native state, there is not much doubt but that he would have all the support necessary to insure his nomination and election to whatever office he might choose to fill, but it is altogether unlikely that the championship of Mr. Jones would do much toward strengthening the cause of any Republican candidate in Stark county.

Democratic congressmen have raised the point that it is unwise to give Miss Helen Gould a vote of thanks for her patriotism and generosity during the war because such a vote carries with it the right of admittance to the floor of the House and Senate and because, therefore, it is a dangerous precedent to set. History records the fact that a vote of thanks was given to "Dolly" Madison, and that in 1878 Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson was tendered a like honor, but neither of these women ever abused the privilege accorded them and it is extremely unlikely that Miss Gould, who is the last person to desire publicity in any form, would ever wish to force her presence upon the unwilling gaze of American statesmen. A vote of thanks from congress would have shown public appreciation for services the value of which are universally recognized, but it is probable that Miss Gould herself is quite satisfied with the heartfelt gratitude expressed to her personally by American soldiers.

IN POLICE CIRCLES.

Looking for James Brisco of Youngstown.

Charged with Grand Larceny—The Dangeleisen Cases Settled—A Fast Driver Pays a Fine.

James Briscoe, pugilist, pianist, sprinter and elocutionist, who was a Massillonian before going to Youngstown about a year ago, is wanted in that city for grand larceny. The Massillon police were notified Saturday night, and a thorough search of this town was made without success. It was thought that he might come this way, as he is known to have friends here. Briscoe is charged with stealing a gold watch, a gold ring and some money.

George Brooks, who did some fast driving in the city last Sunday morning, at the same time damaging Jacob Graber's carriage to the extent of $3.50, paid Mayor Wise $6.50 Saturday night as a fine and costs. He also settled Mr. Graber's claim.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wasener drove to Massillon Saturday afternoon from East Greenville, and after completing their marketing prepared to return home, but found that their horse and buggy had been taken from the place they had been left in East Main street. After a search of fully two hours the rig was found, having been abandoned just west of the C., L. & W. station by whoever had used it. The police assisted in looking for the outfit.

ESCORTED A GENERAL.

A Second Time Private J. F. Lewis is Honored.

Private John F. Lewis, Troop B, Third, U. S. C., writes to THE INDEPENDENT from Camp McKenzie, near Augusta, Ga., as follows: "The Third is still recruiting. There are now 96 in the troop, and it will not be long until it is quite filled up. I had the honor of being one of the twenty-two privates selected as a part of the escort for General Young, when he reviewed the boys. The general rode a bob-tailed cream-colored horse that cost $900. This is the second time I have been on the general's escort. Everybody seems to think a good deal of our troop: it is the only black horse troop in the regiment."

THE CHARGE MODIFIED.

George Stevers Pleads Guilty to Assault to Wound.

George Stevers, who was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to kill, preferred by Harvey Krider, was arraigned before Justice Weller Saturday. The charge was modified to assault with intent to wound, and he pleaded guilty. As the plaintiff recommended leniency, Stevers was fined $10 and the costs amounting in all to $29.05. Stevers assaulted Krider at the Nutwood mine, breaking the latter's nose.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure sick headache, biliousness, inactive liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. Rider & Snyder.

$3.00 Plush Cape, 22 inches long, Thibet trimmed, Saturday and Monday only, $1.25. Twentieth Century Store.

THE HAERLIN DIVORCE.

A Decree Granted by Judge McCarty this Morning.

MISS NORA ISER IS ACQUITTED.

Jury's Verdict Based on the Grounds of Insanity—The Defendant a Kleptomaniac—Waylaid and Robbed—James Sullivan Charged With the Crime.

CANTON, Dec. 16.—The divorce case of Alice Haerlin vs. Herman Haerlin was heard by Judge Taylor this morning and the decree was granted just before court adjourned for dinner. No defense was made and the examination of the plaintiff's witnesses consumed but little time. The brother and sister of Mrs. Haerlin testified to having witnessed cruel actions on the part of Mr. Haerlin, the brother having seen him administer a kick to the plaintiff. The question of alimony had practically been agreed upon before the case was tried. The court allowed Mrs. Haerlin $1,500, of which $200 is to be paid at once and the balance within six months. Mrs. Haerlin also has the custody of the child, but the defendant is permitted to visit it once a month. Mrs. Haerlin was formerly Miss Alice Falor, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Falor, of Massillon. Lawyer J. P. Fawcett represented Mrs. Haerlin and Willison & Day the defendant.

The will of the late James Kuhn, pastor of St. Mary's church of Massillon, was filed for probate Thursday afternoon. The following is a copy:

In the name of God, the benevolent Father of all, I, J. A. Kuhn, a priest of the Holy Roman Catholic church and pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, Massillon, O., being 62 years of age past, and of sound disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this as and for my last will and testament.

Item one—It is my will and order that all my just and lawful debts be paid as soon as possible after my death.

Item two—I give, devise and bequeath to the Rev. Jacob F. Kuebler all my property real and personal of every description. The said Jacob F. Kuebler is now stationed at Massillon, O., as pastor of St. Joseph's Holy Catholic church.

Item three—I nominate and appoint Father Jacob F. Kuebler, aforesaid, as executor of this, my last will and testament, and ask the probate court to appoint him and permit him to act without bond. It is my wish that no appraisement of my estate be made. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this, the 21st day of November, 1898, in the city of Cleveland, O.

J. A. KUHN.

Signed and acknowledged by said J. A. Kuhn as his last will and testament in our presence, and by us signed in his presence, November 21, 1898.

CHARLES J. MARQUETTE,
P. J. BRADY.

While returning home Thursday night along the Ft. Wayne tracks, Milton Swope was knocked down and robbed of twenty-two dollars in money. James Sullivan was immediately arrested for the crime and was arraigned before Mayor Rice at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when he entered a plea of not guilty. The hearing is set for next week. Sullivan was noticed following Mr. Swope about, and shortly after the robbery it is claimed that he entered a Saxton street saloon and deposited the stolen money with the bartender. Swope was struck upon the side of the head with a piece of coal and was rendered unconscious by the blow. Sullivan was released from the Ohio penitentiary only last Saturday, having completed his sentence for burglarizing the home of George Kramer.

Prior to hearing the Haerlin case this morning, Judge Taylor granted a divorce in the case of Lamond vs. Lamond. Application was first made by James Lamond, but the defendant, Abbie Lamond, filed a counter petition for divorce and alimony, which was allowed, the latter being $300.

The temporary injunction granted in the case of Norman Reese and others, against Recorder J. A. Reed was made perpetual by Judge McCarty this morning. Suit was brought to prevent the incorporation of the village of Robertsville. The injunction case of Lister vs. Treasurer T. H. Smith, to prevent the collection of taxes is being heard by Judge McCarty today.

The arguments in the case of Ohio vs. Nora Iser, of Alliance, indicted for burglary and larceny, were concluded shortly aftgr 4 o'clock, and at 4.30 the jury retired. At 10 o'clock a verdict of acquittal on the ground of insanity was returned. The verdict was a surprise, for it was generally believed that Miss Iser would be convicted. She did not deny her guilt, but the defence was based on the claim that she was a kleptomaniac. It was proven that she had practiced thieving ever since she was a child and as she grew older the desire became greater.

Notice.

You dead live again and would return to cheer and help would you but open the way. For instruction on spirit return subscribe for the Light of Truth, published weekly at Columbus, O. Christians and Spiritualists alike pronounce it the best journal in the world for the money. Price $1 per year.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems especially adapted to the needs of the children. Pleasant to take; soothing in its influence: it is the remedy of all remedies for every form of throat and lung disease.

Nuts at Geo. Falke's, 10c, 15c, and 18c a pound.

All the late books of popular authors at Baltzly's.

AT CRYSTAL SPRING.

Soldiers to be Recruited into the Regular Army.

CRYSTAL SPRING, Dec. 17.—Our postmaster has received a notice in lithograph form sent out by the war department for the recruiting of soldiers into the regular army. Applicants must be over eighteen and under thirty-five years of age, able-bodied and of a good character

The air shaft at the North Massillon mine is now completed. All the banks in the community are in steady operation.

A cantata entitled, "Santa Claus's Dream," is being prepared by the Sunday school association, and will be rendered on Christmas evening in the Reformed church.

A literary society has been organized among the pupils of the advanced department in our school. Each alternate Friday afternoon is devoted to these exercises and a debate also takes place. Last Friday the society discussed the question of whether or not the country boys and girls had more privileges than those in the city. The teacher acted as judge and wishing to show no partiality, he reserved his decision.

J. W Schuster, proprietor of the local brewery, had a force of men at work several days this week putting in the usual supply of ice.

The household goods of Daniel Bausher were sold at public sale on Saturday.

Plenty of musical instruments accompanied the sled load of young people that went to the Oberlin farm Thursday night. The party at once took to dancing, and all regretted leaving when the hour for parting arrived.

A drama is being prepared by the band, to be presented in the near future.

Railroad companies ought to be compelled to have gates at every crossing along their lines. The other day a couple of school children were almost run down by the fast mail which is due here about the time the schools are dismissed.

The clerks at the store took an outing the other day, and indulged in a little rabbit shooting. One animal was bagged, but it has not yet been decided who killed it.

DIPHTHERIA CASES.

A Few Quarantine Cards Yet Noticeable in the City.

In spite of the efforts to prevent the spreading of diphtheria, the disease is yet prevalent and cards are noticeable in various quarters of the city. The few cases in existence now, however, are said to be less serious than those reported in the early winter, but this may be due to prompt medical attention. Physicians claim that in many cases lives could have been saved or serious illness prevented had they been summoned promptly, but it seemed to be an almost general desire to escape the quarantine. The board of health and school board have successfully coped with the disease, and by strict quarantine and the disinfecting process an epidemic was prevented.

Local physicians have been exceptionally fortunate in treating their cases, the percentage of death being unusually small. This is due perhaps to the practically general use of anti-toxine. This treatment is yearly gaining more friends among the practitioners, and is pronounced a positive cure. It is also given in another form as a preventive in families where diphtheria prevails. A majority of the physicians of Massillon have effected wonderful cures with anti-toxine this winter, both in cases of diphtheria and membranous croup.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold an exchange Saturday, December 24, at the wall paper store of L. A. Koons's. Orders can be sent or telephoned to Mrs. A. A. Hallock, Mrs. C. O. Carr or L. A. Koons to be delivered on the above date. The following is the bill of fare.

White and Brown Bread.
Cake.
Angel Food. Devil Food. Sunshine.
Fruit. Ribbon. Chocolate.
Cocoanut. Fig. Spice Hickorynut.
Fruit Cookies, Doughnuts.
Assorted Xmas Cakes,
Mince Pies. Pumpkin Pies.
Fruit Salad. Cranberry Sauce
Popcorn Balls. Home Made Candies.

The Cosmeon toilet sets are finer than ever. A large line to select from at Baltzly's.

Leave your order for venison, choice meats and good all pork sausage at 8c per pound at Graber Bros.'

If you are looking for a camera, we have them. All marked from $2.50 to $35, at Baltzly's.

Candy coloring at CRAIG'S.

$5.00 Plush Cape, 27 inches long, Thibet trimmed, Saturday and Monday only, $1.78. Twentieth Century Store.

Don't miss the special sale of books at Bahney's Book Store.

Books, bibles, testaments, juvenile and toy books at Baltzly's.

A most attractive line of 25c cloth-bound books, this week only, at 12½c; a 50c line of cloth bound, gilt-top books at 25c. Bahney's Book Store.

Soothing, healing, cleansing. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the implacable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure piles. You may rely upon it. Rider & Snyder.

Medallions, porcelain and enameled metal picture frames at Baltzly's.

The sooner a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. Lingering colds are dangerous. Hacking cough is distressing. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures it. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste. Rider & Snyder

Go to Geo. Falke's for our own pure mixed candies, 5c a pound.

"The Heart of Chicago" at the Armory Tuesday, Dec. 20.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

Preparations for its Formal Opening Nearly Completed.

INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT.

Every Citizen of Massillon Entitled to Library Privileges so Long as He Subscribes to the Few Rules and Regulations.

The time for the opening of the McClymonds public library is drawing near and the work of preparing the beautiful building and its contents for the use of the people of Massillon is nearly completed. The selection, cataloguing of 7,500 volumes and the planning of a thousand and one details connected with the various departments have taken many weeks of constant labor, but when the final touches have been given and the magnificently proportioned book room with its well filled shelves, the commodious reading rooms with their comfortable furniture and the cosy room which is to be known as the juvenile department are thrown open to the public, the popular verdict will unquestionably be that the time has been well spent and the work well done.

The book room has already been partly described in THE INDEPENDENT. It opens from the rear of the hall and its size comprises the entire breadth and height of the building. The book stacks with alcoves between extend along the right hand side, and on the left is the charging and delivering desk and the reference book department. On the day and night of the opening no business will be done, but after that time applications for library membership will be received. Each applicant will be provided with a blank form to be filled out and signed, by which he agrees to conform to the rules and regulations and to pay all fines incurred by him. Applicants who are personally unknown to the librarian will have their forms signed by a guarantor who may be any reputable resident of Massillon. One book can be drawn on each ticket and can be retained for two weeks, at the expiration of which it can be renewed, unless it is in great demand. Books not returned within two weeks will be subject to a fine of two cents per day and if kept double that time will be sent for by a messenger. Books marked "reference" must not be taken from the library. These may be consulted in the book room where a convenient place has been provided for this purpose. To all persons who live within the city limits the use of the books is free. Others must pay $1 a year. Access to the shelves is allowed, so that members can choose their own books; each one must, however, be charged at the desk—that is it must be handed to the attendant who will make a memorandum necessary to insure its return to the library within the prescribed period. These rules are in use in libraries all over the country and are only designed to prevent the abuse of library privileges and the loss of books.

The children's room will be open from 3:15 to 5:30 and from 7 to 8:30 p. m. On Saturdays it will open at 1 p. m. The same charging system and the same rules will be in force as in the larger room. Benches and tables especially designed for the children's comfort have been provided, and the shelves are filled with children's books in all classes—history, travel and science, as well as stories and children's magazines. The reading rooms are on the north side of the building and are furnished with accommodations for numerous readers. The tables, benches and chairs are of the finest quartered oak, with egg shell finish, and pleasantly shaded electric lights are placed wherever necessary. The big periodical case occupies one of these rooms and is so constructed that the titles of more than fifty magazines can be displayed at one time. The newspaper room will also be used for a study room. Here will be found all the leading papers of the country as well as all the local papers. The furniture and fittings throughout the building are massive, simple and in keeping with the design of the various rooms.

Miss Charlotte D. Leavitt will be librarian in chief. After a service of more than fifteen years in the Elyria public library, she is amply qualified for this position, and will be found at all times ready to give any necessary assistance to those who may desire it. Miss Hermine Dieterich is to be assistant librarian. As a resident of the city she is already well known and having served in the library for the past eight months will be able to discharge her future duties. Miss Sarah Folger will be in charge of the children's room. She has had large experience in educational work and is eminently qualified for this department.

It is hoped that citizens generally will attend the formal opening of the library, when opportunity will be given them to inspect the various rooms, and see for themselves the value of the great gifts which have been made to the city of Massillon.

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Catholic prayer books at Baltzly's.

Moralists may prate, and doctors prose, and science shout from the housetop, but just so long as the birds sing and the flowers bloom, and a maiden's lips are cherry-red, and a young man's eyes look love, just so long the lads and lassies will kiss—and kiss again.

And where, good men, is the harm if the kissers and kissees be healthy, and true love stands sponsor. It is only when ill-health has blasted the sweet cleanliness of youth that death lurks upon its lips. The deadly germs of dread consumption are as harmless as June-time butterflies to the young man or woman who is thoroughly clean, sweet and healthy in every fiber and tissue. The germs of disease only attack that which is already partly decayed.

There is a great medicine that is a sure and certain protection against all germs and a speedy cure for all germ diseases. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It gives youthful zest to the appetite. It corrects all faults of the digestion. It aids assimilation. It fills the blood with the vital, life-giving elements of the food. It builds sweet, clean, healthy tissues in every part of the body. It drives out all disease germs. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of bronchial, throat and lung affections if taken in time. All good medicine dealers sell it, and have nothing "just as good."

Mr. Jos. Henderson Dirblun, of 544 Josephine Street, New Orleans, La., writes: "I was ailing for some two years, suffering from dyspepsia, a tired feeling, and loss of energy and appetite. I tried one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and found great relief. I took two more bottles, three in all, and one or two vials of the 'Pellets,' when I was in good health again. I recommend Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to do all that it is claimed to do."

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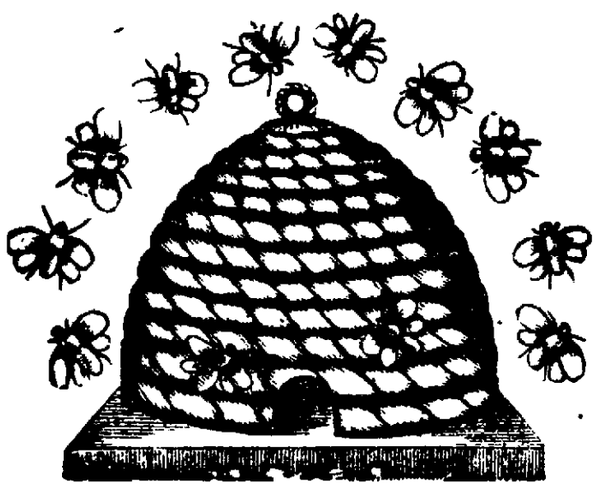

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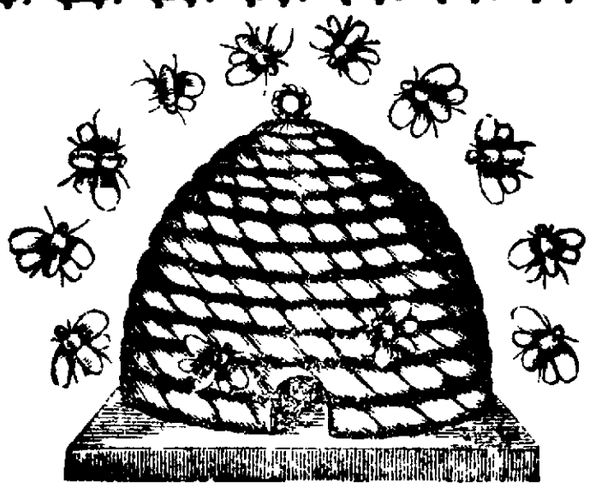

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now at hand. We have turned the Six Large Rooms of the BEE HIVE into

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The Holiday influence permeates every department. The stock the largest and most complete in the 28 years of the Massillon Bee Hive. The decorations simply marvelous, far outstripping any of our previous efforts The show windows and the entire building lighted with the most complete electric system in the city. We have just started a

Great Sweep Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Jackets, Suits and Skirts.

Now is the time to secure a Fine Garment for Christmas at Less Than Half Price.

$4.00 to $8,00 Jackets reduced to $1 98 $10.00 Jackets reduced to $5.49. $15.00 Jackets now $7.89. $20.00 Jackets reduced to $9 98. Fine All Wool Tailor-Made Suits, formerly $12.00 to $20 00 now $9 89 And so on through the Cloak Room. Come at once, before the stock is broken up, and you will be sure to get a bargain.

OUR STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES

Were selected with unusual care from the LARGEST MANUFACTURERS and Jobbers in the country, and embrace the Newest Designs out, at prices greatly reduced from former years. We have space here to mention only a few of the

Hundreds of Beautiful Articles

Cold Cream Jars	25c and up	Pen Wipers	25c	Hair Brushes at popular prices.	
Glove Buttoners	25c	Paper Cutters	29, 39 and 98c	Baby Rattles	98c
Nail Files	29c	Bicycle Plates	45c	Tea Bells	$1.25
Tooth Brushes	89c	Vinegarettes	98c to $1.50	Together with Jewel Boxes, Hand Mirrors, Clothes Brushes, Hat Brushes, Bonnet Brushes, etc, etc.	
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SOME SPECIAL JOBS.

2000 yards Fleeced Dress Goods, regular 10c quality, New and choice styles, only 7c a yard.

A case of Misses' Woolen Hose, 3 pairs for 25c SEE THEM. 25 doz, Turkish Bathing Towels at 5c each.

50 doz. Turkish Bathing Towels at 10c each. 13 pieces Turkey Red Table Damask, 12½c yard.

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VARIOUS NOTES.

Items of Interest With Regard to the Fashionable Wardrobe.

Petticoats follow the fashion of outside skirts and are very tight around the top, flaring below the knee and much trimmed around the foot in order the better to sustain the gown. The flounces with which they are adorned rise higher at the back than in front, and the body of the petticoat is cut in circular form, in order not to increase the size of the hips Several flounces, one over another, are used around the foot and additional trimming of bows, ruches and lace

A new bicycle hat is of soft felt with a wide brim, trimmed simply with one ergus feather curled around the crown

Short corset covers in the bolero style are dainty and pleasing and have the merit of not enlarging the waist They are usually tied in a little knot at the bosom and may be made of muslin, cambric or of silk to match the petticoat and corset

Earrings, once so fashionably worn, are now rarely seen, even in their least offen-

MOUSSELINE CRAVAT.

sive form, that of little studs sitting close to the ear Jewels formerly worn as earrings are now reset as brooches, stickpins and the clasps of bracelets, and the perforations in women's ears are allowed to close up as far as is possible Whether the earring has gone to join the nose ring as a permanently discarded personal ornament is, however, a doubtful question A revival is quite possible

There are so many pretty designs for neckwear this season that it is difficult to select any special one for illustration The cravat illustrated is, however, simple and pretty It is made of pale pink mousseline de soie edged with ostrich plumage and has a high rippled collar and a bow with ends which form coquilles.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

DRESS DECORATIONS.

Proper Method of Applying Fashionable Adornments.

The elegance of trimming lies largely in the correctness and neatness with which it is applied Bands of galloon and ribbon or little ruches, supposed to be placed at regular intervals or to follow a pattern, should be sewed on with exactitude, as otherwise the charm of their appearance is lost. Passementerie and applications of embroidery require to be sewed very carefully, each portion of the motif being attached to the ground by close, invisible stitches If the motif is large, the sewing should begin at the middle, in order that it may be kept perfectly flat It is hardly

SILK COSTUME.

necessary to say that all applications should be basted into place before they are sewed down

Trimmings applied to skirts, bodices, jackets, etc. should never be sewed through to the lining, but should be secured to the garment before the lining is added If the decoration is heavy, that portion of the goods where it is to appear may be re-enforced by thin canvas or stiff ening

The cut shows a costume of striped silk in two tones of green, combined with plain green silk The skirt has a pointed tablier of striped silk upon which is mounted a circular flounce of plain silk, headed by a band of fur The striped bodice has a blouse front opening over a plastron of white satin embroidered with gold There is a sable collar forming revers, and the plain silk sleeves, plaited at the top, have a band of sable at the wrist The collar is of white satin, and the white satin belt is fastened by an enameled buckle.

JUDIC CHOLLET

Letters and the Blues.

To write a letter when one is suffering from a fit of the blues, from temporary or chronic depression, thus sending forth one's melancholy to become the chilly wet blanket which can smother another's happiness, is equally shortsighted. Out comes the bright sunshine, and your clouds vanish, but your darkly and wretchedly conceived letter has gone beyond your reach, and you cannot recall it, and it is busy about its baleful errand when you are in no frame of mind to own that you sent it out Years afterward it may fall into the hands of your heirs and may lay at your door the charge of a tendency to insanity or be quoted in evidence of your spiritual or mental weakness and infelicity. Refrain from writing letters when you are in a low mood.—Harper's Bazar.

after this style: "The Register did do something to bring about this kneeling by the other fellow of which it is no doubt 'glad of it,' but now at it has carried its point it again resorts to whooping up Republicanism and proclaiming its publican pride that it crooks not its radical knee to settle differences between Democrats who stood as firm as the rock of Gibralta for thirty years defending the state against Republican misrule, and only when corrupt leaders, who have since joined the Republicans by way of the Palmer doctrine, did they proclaim their allegiance even to a go-between organization hoping that the differences might be adjusted when they could again march under the old Democratic flag of the fathers."—Alabama Beacon.

Don't Mope.

There's nothing wears a man out so quick as dwelling on his cares. "The worst possible thing for a man to do when cares oppress him," said Mr Gratebar, "is to mope; to sit down and think it over. If there is anything on earth that will mildew a man and make him good for nothing, that's it. What he wants is activity—to keep moving If he can't work, or think he can't let him get out and take a walk, and start his circulation. It's amazing what a little fresh air and exercise will do for a man Keep moving, and the first thing you know you'll find yourself whistling, or humming a tune, and then you laugh to yourself a little, and go back to work."

Society Notice.

The bride wore a dark camel hair loose skirt, trimmed with rare species of orchids In her coiffure precious stones were displayed, and her neck was adorned with a beautiful string of ivory and pearls. She belongs to one of the oldest families of New Guinea. The groom holds an influential position in a South African mining district, where his family have resided for many years. Both are colored —Life.

Iron Poles.

It is stated that the Pennsylvania Railroad is to abandon the use of wooden telegraph poles and will adopt in their place a steel truss pole. The new pole will be about twenty feet in hight, and about ten feet broad at the base. The poles will be set in a foundation of Portland cement, to which they will be bolted with steel rods. The upper framework will have a capacity of twenty wires.

"As She are Wrote.

If the State Herald man gets half the fun out of the Beacon as we have in reading the utterances of that noble organ, it is in no wise cheated in the exchange. We are gravely informed in its news columns that Albert Taylor is off for Nashville to secure a number of "female actresses, and when they arrive there will be some fine amusement out at the lake." In the editorial columns we look with amazement and watch the double murder of The Mobile Regis er and the English Grammar somewhat

The first permanent military force in England was the king's guard of yeomen established in 1486.

We are too busy these days to write long ads., but want you to know we still have an elegant selection of

Watches, Clocks, Silver Novelties

STERLING and PLATED TABLE WARE,

Musical Instruments, Toilet Sets and JEWELRY of all kinds.

Rings. Rings.

I wish in particular to call your attention to our magnificent line of Ladies' and Gents' Rings, which we are selling at Rock Bottom Prices. And remember, when we sell you an article it is just what we represent it to be, and intend to remain in town to back it up.

Engraving Free, all hand work.

Practical **C. J. DUNCAN,** Jeweler.

5 WEST MAIN ST., - MASSILLON, OHIO.

HUMBERGERS'

Don't forget the GREAT HOLIDAY SALE OF

BLACK DRESS GOODS and BLACK SILKS

THAT STARTED SATURDAY MORNING.

Look at a few Prices: . . . .

300 yards Black Mascot, entirely new, made for the next Spring's trade, $1.75 grade, for this sale, ☞ $1.19.

300 yards better quali y, $2.25 grade, for this sale, ☞$1.49 per yard. Black Plan de Soie, all grades, $1 25 kind for 93c; $1.50 kind for $1.09; $1.75 kind for $1.33. Black Duchess that will please and surprise you.

1000 yards Fancy Silks for Waists; worth from $1.00 to $1.75. For this sale 89c. a yard.

100 pieces Black Dress Goods, different weaves, all New Goods. English and German weaves, $1.00 goods for ☞ 59c. Mascot, new, $1.00 kind for ☞ 63c.

$2 25 Crepons for $1.69; $2.00 kind for $1.47. Plain Henrietta at all prices, way under regular prices.

Don't miss this sale. Holiday Goods on second floor.

HUMBERGERS', Warwick Block, Massillon, O.

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A BRACE OF WILD TURKEYS

Fun Getting Them Up in Pennsylvania's Mountains.

I have always had a hankering for a shot at that prince of game birds, a wild turkey, and though I was borne in the woods and mountains of Central Pennsylvania, and have hunted more or less all my life, and been in at the death of some bears, a good many deer and almost all kinds of small game without number, it never was my good fortune until this fall to kill a wild turkey. Once when I was a boy at home on the farm, a flock of wild turkeys, which have always been very rare in our county, came into the field one fall where I was plowing. I hurried to the house and got our old rifle only to find them gone. I followed the flock quite a distance and succeeded in geting a bead on the old gobbler, and pulled the trigger, when I discovered that the capt was off, and so were my turkeys, which I never saw again.

The genuine American wild turkey is very wild, alert to any danger, wonderfully swift of foot, and a swift, strong flyer, and old hunters have told me that a wild turkey is harder to shoot than a deer. With this knowledge of the character and habits of my game I had very little hopes of getting a shot when, in company with a clerical friend, a school friend of other days, I boarded the train on the evening of October 14 for the mountains of Mifflin county, Pa., to hunt for turkeys. We spent the night with some good friends in Newton, Hamilton county Pa., and the morning of October 15 at daylight, in company with our mutal friend, McDowell, found us on Greenbrier Ridge, which was said to be the home of a large flock of wild turkeys, ready to open the season and try the new Pennsylvania game law The weather was very warm, the woods very dry and water extremely scarce.

As soon as daylight came, the batteries of the gunners opened. From the top of Jacks Mountain, across the valley to the top of the Greenbrier ridges, there was one constant fusilad. Most of the shooting was at squirrels, which were very numerous, and hundreds of them were killed and brought into town that day. I paid no attention to squirrels, for I was hunting turkeys. I had squirrels a home. During the early part of the day I got lost from my companions, and hunted alone At noon I wended my way to a little farm house and got a cup of milk to drink with my lunch. Here I got into the good graves of the farmer boy, who gave me some valuable information as to the probable whereabouts of my turkeys. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I had given a flock of grouse, a trimming up, and had reached an old road leading down along the mountain, when about 100 yards ahead of me a magnificent gobbler stepped into the road and spied me. He was too far away for a shot, and I could only stop and look at him and wish for my rifle, while my gobbler slipped out of sight down them ountain toward a small stream in the valley below. I concluded that the turkeys would hunt the water about that time in the day, and this old gobbler was the advance guard in that direction.

I quietly hurried down the ridge, crossed the creek and secreted myself under a low-spreading pine, where I could see quite a distance both up and down the creek.

Below me, about 60 yards, was a patch of green grass and a pool of water, the stream being about dry. I had not been seated more than ten minutes when I heard down the stream to my right: "Quit! quit! quit" and on turning my head in that direction I discovered about sixteen as fine turkeys as ever greeted the eyes of a hunter. The old warrior that I had see no the road of the mountain had discovered me and had given the alarm, and some of the flock had already sought cover. No time was to be wasted, and springing to my feet I killed the largest gobbler in sight. The flock at once took flight, and stepping from under the pine tree, I killed a young hen before she got out of sight. I hurriedly reloaded my Remnigion ready for another shot, when I remembered that under the new game law I had killed my limit, "not exceeding two wild turkeys in one day," and I gathered up my game, slung them over my gun and started for town

I have never made two better shots than on this occosian, and I have never sat down to a nicer dinner than that turkey hen afforded me on the Sunday following.—Frank G Harris, in Forest and Stream.

Attempt that Failed.

In a splendid room in the palace of Potsdam, one of the decorations is the figure of a large spider wrought in gold. An interesting tradition attaches to this piece of work. It commemorates an incident in the life of Frederick William, the grand-uncle of the present emperor of Germany. An attempt had been made to poison him in a cup of chocolate By chance a spider fell into the cup, and for this reason the beverage was given to a dog, who immediately upon taking it died The cook was afterward hanged, and the golden spider in the Potsdam palace immortalizes the incident.

Fans in China.

Almost every child in China has a fan of its own. They are the playthings of the Chinese babies, as children in this country delight in rattles. Chinese nurses amuse their young charges with their fans, which they are never without The children learn to handle their fans very expertly, for the fan in the hands of a Chinese has a certain language of its own Rich and poor alike, every boy and girl, must have a fan. A poor little Chinese boy who has scarcely a whole garment and who rarely gets a good meal will still have a fan and use it constantly.

The Ants Guests

It is certain that ants intentionally sanction the residence of certain insects in their nests. This is the case, for instance, with the curious blind beetle, Claviger, which is absolutely dependent upon ants, as Muller first pointed out It even seems to have lost power of feeding itself; at any rate it is habitually fed by the ants, who supply it with nourishment as they do one another. There are half a score of insects that ants treat apparently as gusets An unauthorized interloper would be at once killed.

THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

Awarded for Service in the United States During the Civil War.

A decoration corresponding in some degree to the British Victoria Cross, which is made of iron, is the bronze medal of honor, awarded the officers and privates in the volunteer or regular service of the United States during the civil war who most distinguished themselves by their galantry in action, or other soldier-like qualities. The decoration was first established by act of Congress in 1862, and by an amendment passed in 1863, additional meadals were stuck at the United States Mint from the original dies. There has been considerable discussion during the past few years as to the advisability of discontinuing the issue of the medals, as many persons have died who were entitled to them, and the medal cannot be granted to the heir or family of a deceased soldier. Indeed, when General Schofield was at the head of the army a report was drawn up and approved favoring such discontinuance, but it failed to become law. In June last, President McKinley approved amended regulations, providing that in order to obtain the medal, service must have been performed in action of such a conspicuous character as clearly to distinguish the man for gallantry and intrepidity above his comrades—service that involved extreme jeopardy of life or the performance of extraordinary hazardous duty.

It is found that up to Nov. 1. 1897, the whole number of medals of honor awarded was twenty-three hundred and seventy-five, of which four hundred and fifty-six were to officers and enlisted men of the regular army for services during and subsequently to the war of the Rebellion, and nine een hundred and nineteen to officers and enlisted men of the volunteer service during the war, and of the nineteen hundred and nineteen eight hundred and sixty-four or about forty-five per cent, were bestowed upon the members of a single regiment This fortunate regiment was the Twenty-seventh Maine Volunteers, and, singularly enough, the members never saw any actual service in battle, but were employed to guard the defences of Washington. The awards were made to the members of the Twenty-seventh Maine "for volunteering to remain in service and participate in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa.," after expiration of their term of service, though they did not actually go to Gettysburg.

A report has been prepared at the War department, and will shortly be published, giving a complete list of those to whom the medals have been awarded, and the reason in each case. That is indeed a roll of honor.

A fact not generally known about Admiral Walker, who is now in Chicago, looking up the big drainage canal, is that, according to law, he was, on account of age, retired from the navy more than a year ago, but was first retained for the use of his experience in regard to the Nicaraguan Canal, and then retained because of the war.

It takes 72,000 tons of paper to make the postal cards used in the United States each year.

We Have Captured the Town---

Figuratively speaking. Our stock of Jewelry for Christmas buying has created a sensation in Massillon. Its beauty and splendor is attracting buyers from far and near. In this advertisement we want to call your attention to our superb line of

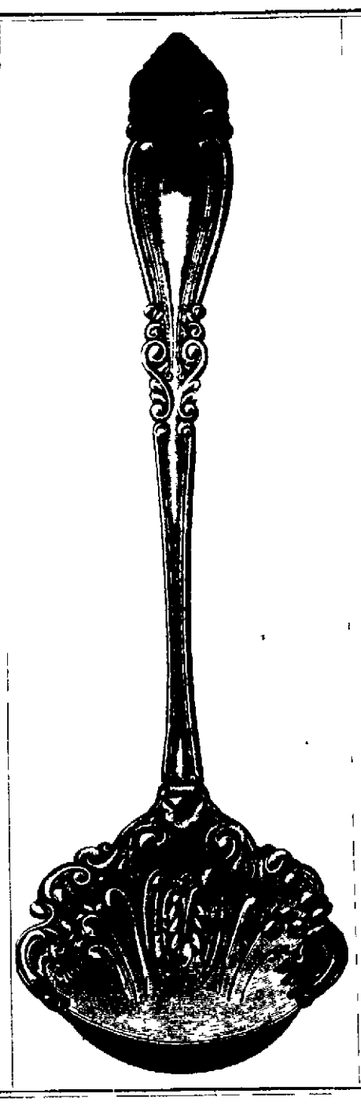
SILVERWARE!

BEAUTIFUL ARRAY OF

STERLING SILVERWARE,

....INCLUDING

Berry Spoons,
Tea Spoons,
Dessert Spoons,
Soup Ladles,
Sugar Shells,
Carving Sets,
Child's Sets,
Butter Knives,
Butter Dishes,
Olive Dishes,
Bon Bon Dishes,
Cold Meat Forks,
Napkin Rings,
Salt and Pepper Sets,
Tea Jars,
Hand Mirrors,
Hair Brushes,
Military Brushes,
Hat Brushes,
Manicure Pieces,
Match Boxes,
Silver Novelties,
Etc., Etc.



LOVELY EFFECTS IN

PLATED WARE,

SUCH AS

Black Coffee Sets,
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Berry, Fruit and
Cake Dishes,
Bread Trays,
Butter Dishes,
Celery Dishes,
Fern Bowls,
Gravy Ladles,
Soup Ladles,
Cream Ladles,
Berry Spoons,
Orange Spoons,
Sugar Shells,
Jelly Spoons,
Butter Knives,
Pie Knives,
Cold Meat Forks,
Child's Sets,
Rogers Bros. and Wm.
Rogers Table Ware.

Notice our show window—it's but a hint of what you will find inside.

A. J. MILLER,

10 South Erie St., MASSILLON, O. RELIABLE JEWELER.

HACKETT'S SPECIAL SALE

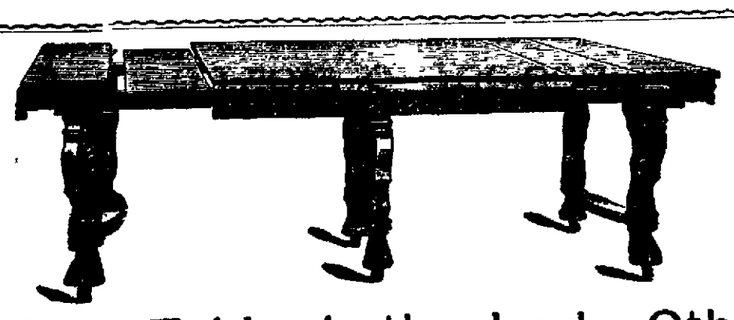
THIS WEEK, ON

Rockers and Stands!

ROCKER

of every description. All Woods, Mahogany, Maple, Birch, White Enamel, &c.

Rockers, $1.00 to $45.00.



Victor Tables in the lead. Others follow in price and finish.

Dining Chairs, Sideboards,
China Closets, Serving Tables,
Library and Sitting Room
Tables and Couches,
Brass and Iron Bedsteads,
Cotton and Felt Mattresses,
Cots, Fire Screens, Easels,
Pictures, &c.

Parlor Chairs, Parlor Rockers,
Parlor Sofas and Divans,
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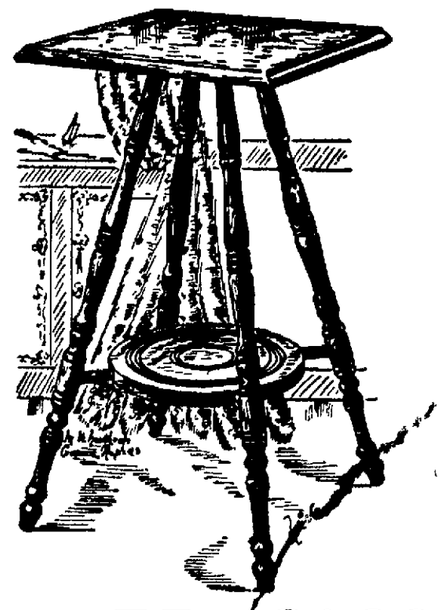
Parlor Brass and Onyx Tables.

STANDS.



50c, 75c, $1.00.

HACKETT'S BIG FURNITURE STORE,

Both Phones. Open Every Evening. No. 16 West Main St.

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A Great Opportunity for Holiday Shoppers.

WEFLER'S GREAT CASH STORE!

No. 31 East Main Street, Massillon.

See the Magnificent Display of Fine Wares on Our Second Floor.

No Finer Stock of Goods On Exhibition in This Part of the State!

TO THE PUBLIC:

The stock of goods now on exhibition at Wefler's Great Cash Store surpasses that of former years, and that is saying a good deal. The China Ware Department is filled to overflowing with the rarest work of the potter's art, including the very latest designs, and the prices are lower than at any time in tne past, owing to close competition among manufacturers. The stock of Glassware, Lamps, Jardinieres, Novelties, etc., is full and complete, and all will be offered at prices not to be duplicated in the county, In order to sell right a dealer must know how to buy right, and years of experience in this line of trade has enabled us to do this. Of our immense line we can mention but a few articles and prices:

Odd Pieces.

We have an endless variety of Odd Pieces of Fine China Ware, such as

Cups and Saucers,
Salad Dishes,
Cake Plates'
Sugar and Cream Sets,
Children's Toy Sets,
Mustache Cups
Olive Dishes,
Water Sets, Etc.

—AT PRICES RANGING—

FROM 10c UPWARD.

Candies, Fruits and Nuts.

We have a large supply of fresh Candies, Fruits and Nuts for the Holiday trade including the very choicest of Chocolates and Creams.

Special Prices on these Goods will be given to Churches and Schools.

Decorations

and

CHRISTMAS TREES

to place them on. Parents who delight in furnishing a Christmas Tree for the little ones can here find everything necessary.

All the new and latest Decorations, and cheap enough to enable you to purchase freely.

Trees of all sizes.

Jardinieres and Vases, in Endless Variety

as to quality, design and price. These goods are vastly superior in every way to any we have ever before shown, and must be seen to be appreciated.

Beauties, All of Them.

Porcelain Ware.

For neat and tasty table ware, nothing excels the Semi-Porcelain we offer this season. both of domestic and foreign manufacture. The stock is very large, customers having the choice of fifty styles of decorations, and all the goods are guaranteed.

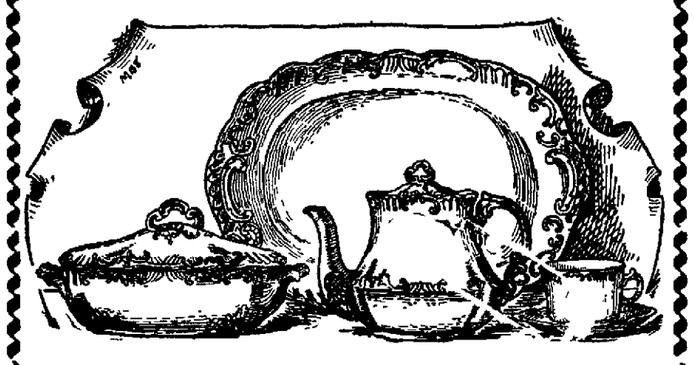
Dinner Sets of 101 Pieces,
$5.98 to $15.00.

The Finest Line of

Cut Glass Ware

ever placed on sale in this city—perfect in design and finish, and sold at prices never quoted before. The stock embraces hundreds of articles suitable for Holiday presents.

HAVILAND CHINA.



The Haviland stamp on a piece of China guarantees it to be of the very best—for there is no better ware made.

Our recent purchases are of the latest importations and the newest designs, and the exquisite decorations exceed in beauty the output of former years. Dinner Sets complete at from

$30.00 TO $105.00.

China Ware.

The line of German China Ware received for the Holiday Trade is beautiful, the dainty decorations being all that the most artistic taste could demand. Dinner Sets of this really fine ware, second only to Haviland, range in price from

$15.00 to $25.00.

Chamber Sets.

With nearly two hundred patterns to select from, all tastes can be suited. The decorations are surpassingly beautiful, and the ware is fully guaranteed. Especial attention is called to our

TEN-PIECE SET AT $1.68!

not to be equaled in this county.

Twelve-Piece Sets from $3.00 to $12.00.

Lamps.

We have added largely to our line of Lamps, a line which for years has surpassed that of any other dealer in this county. New designs have been placed upon the market for this season, and we have them all. With hundreds to select from, at prices ranging from 10c, to $15.00, you cannot fail to secure what you need in this line. A very handsome lamp can be purchased at a moderate price.

Globes.

The stock of Globes on exhibition is of a very high grade, and there are hundreds of them. The decorations on the higher priced ones are superb, and the prices are exceedingly low.

Prices run from 35c. to $6.00.

Groceries and Provisions.

As usual, our stock is complete in every detail, and no pains will be spared to meet the demands of our customers during the Holiday season. A full supply of

Poultry and Game

of all kinds,

Fruits and Vegetables.

All orders delivered promptly.

Dolls.

No establishment in the county has a finer exhibit of Dolls than can be seen at the GREAT CASH STORE. Dolls Dressed, Dolls Undressed, all sizes, all styles, and from the little ones costing but a few cents to the larger ones costing as many dollars. We know we can save you money on these goods, and are sure you cannot find a larger or better stock from which to make your selections.

WEFLER'S GREAT CASH STORE,

Headquarters for Holiday Bargains,

No. 31 EAST MAIN STREET, - - MASSILLON, O.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Miss Minnie Kiihn is visiting relatives in Medina.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stuhldreher, a son.

Cleveland Segner has charge of the Pennsylvania yard crew.

A Bell telephone has been placed in the residence of John Feigenschuh, in North street. Call No. 248.

John Stepper, of Beach City, has presented the central fire department with a hoot owl, which he captured alive the other day.

C. C. Underwood, chief lineman on the C., L. & W. railway, is at work in the city, adding another bracket-arm to the telegraph poles along the line.

Robert A. Miller, of Canton, has been appointed postmaster at Ponce, Porto Rico. Mr. Miller will sail from New York for his post on December 28.

The W. & L. E. and other roads are now supplying all the empty cars required by the Massillon mines, and work has progressed without delay throughout the week.

Saturday was a general pay day in Massillon, and it brought big business for all the business houses in the city. During the evening the streets were crowded with shoppers.

Jacob Sprinkle, the oldest man in Tuscarawas county, died at Shanesville on Thursday morning of old age. He was born in Little York, Pa., in 1803. His wife's death occurred within a few hours of his own.

Alfred Oehler, Fifth, U. S. C., son of H. F. Oehler, of this city, has been given an honorable discharge from the army. He will arrive in Massillon in the early part of January. His regiment is now in Porto Rico.

Over three hundred applications for membership to the McClymond's public library association have already been received. The annual fee is $1, and by it the member is entitled to a vote upon all important matters connected with the library.

The management of the Armory has arranged for the appearance of the famous Ladies' Symphony orchestra, of Boston, at the Armory, on Christmas evening, when a sacred concert will be given. The orchestra is composed of twenty-two members.

The firemen's hoot owl was given its freedom last night. C. L. Baatz and John Geisel wound a piece of wire about one of its legs, there being attached to the wire a brass tag bearing Mr. Baatz's name and address. The firemen expect to hear of the bird again.

Invitation have been received here for the marriage of Miss Ella Grosscup and Howard Swartz, of Ashland. The ceremony will be performed in Trinity church in Ashland, on December 28. A number of Miss Grosscup's friends in Massillon will be present.

The December meeting of the Stark County Horticultural meeting will be held at John McGregor's, 841 North Walnut street, Canton, December 21st. The annual election and other important business will come before the society at this meeting. Margaret H. Rockhill, secretary.

George and Harry Engleman, of Canton, were arrested Thursday by Deputy State Game Warden Dangeleisen for hunting on the lands of another without permission, the complaint having been made by the owner of the premises. The young men were arraigned before Justice Calamet and entered a plea of guilty. They were fined $5 and the costs each.

Orders to be filled at the Christmas market to be held at Mrs. Webb's residence on December 24, are coming in so rapidly that all those wishing anything in the line of cakes, desserts or salads on that day are requested to send in word as soon as possible, in order to insure delivery at that time. Orders will be received over Bell telephone No. 119 or Farmers' 74.

The fight between the Cleveland & Pittsburg and the C., L. & W. railroads concerning a crossing at Canal Dover has come to an end. The Cleveland & Pittsburg road will run an overhead trestle, thus reaching the manufacturing portion of the city. On this issue has depended the building of a large tin plant and it is announced that work will be begun on the industry at once.

J. C. Purches and Miss Nellie Spuhler, of Massillon, were quietly married Tuesday night by the Rev. J. I. Wilson. Mr. Purches was formerly a resident of Alliance, but is now employed as telegraph operator in the W. & L. E. station in this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Spuhler, of No. 40 Park street. Mr. and Mrs. Purches will reside here and will begin housekeeping in the near future.

A call comes from Owosso, Mich., for practical coal miners, as will be seen by reference to THE INDEPENDENT'S "want column." R. E. Davis, the president and manager of the Owosso Coal Company, offers the highest price paid for mining in the state, and says there is no strike or other labor troubles—only a demand for labor exceeding the supply. Twenty men are wanted at once, and steady work is promised.

An interesting document has recently come into the possession of Dr. A. P. L. Pease. It is a piece of parchment containing the commission of one Daniel Bradley, an officer in the United States army during the administration of President Washington. The document is dated March 17th, 1793 and is signed by the President and countersigned by Henry Knox, secretary of war, formerly chief of artillery in the war of the Revolution.

Obadiah Morgan, keeper of West Lebanon's Red Lion, who once cherished a hope that by this time his town would be a city and he would be mayor, visited Massillon yesterday and told of the bursting of the bubble. "Nobody out there has any money," said he, "that's the difficulty. We have hundreds of acres of coal and pretty soon we will have a railroad People will have to move into the neighborhood, but they won't settle in Lebanon. There's no empty houses there, and nobody who can put up new ones.

G. F. Richards, superintendent of construction at the Massillon state hospital received a letter Saturday from Herman Haerlin. Mr. Haerlin is now at the home of his parents in Cincinnati, having arrived there from the East. He will leave for New Mexico this week, and will return to Massillon in February. Mr. Richards wrote to Mr. Haerlin Saturday night advising him of the fact that his wife had been granted a divorce on Friday. Mr. Haerlin's lawyers say that had he consented to contest the case the decree would not have been granted

In a letter from Saragossa, Spain, an American traveler writes as follows to friends in Massillon: "To glance at the map would convey the idea that a jaun from Marseilles to Madrid would be a rather easy undertaking, but as a matter of fact if you could catch a through train, which you can't, it would require forty hours of continuous traveling. The cars themselves are generally wretched. We found the "wagon restaurant" or dining car attached to the Barcelona train, but it was a most amazing institution, presided over by a Portuguese gentleman and hardly so elegant as the cars on the Canton-Massillon road. As far as I can judge the people do not seem to be at all cast down because of the war. Barcelona is as gay as New York, and has a prosperous, comfortable look that belies the actual condition. Such discomforts as we have encountered have been those any other travelers would have had to put up with, and our personal relations with the Spanish have been marked with great cordiality and courtesy."

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Terrible Fate of Dr. Feicht, well Known in Massillon.

A RELATIVE OF FRANCIS STROBEL.

While Mrs. Feicht is Visiting in Massillon, Her Husband has an Encounter with a Mad Dog at Leetsdale, Pa., and Sustains Injuries Which Result Fatally.

Francis Strobel returned on Wednesday night from Leetsdale, Pa., where he attended the funeral of the late Dr. Benjamin Feicht, aged 65 years, brother of Henry Feicht, a former Massillonian. Dr. Feicht died of hydrophobia. Six weeks previous to his death he was bitten by a mad dog. The wounds did not appear to be serious and healed quickly. On last Thursday, however, symptoms of rabies became apparent, and a few days later he died. Mrs. Feicht, wife of the deceased, was visiting at the Strobel residence in this city when Dr. Feicht was bitten. Not wishing to, as he thought, unnecessarily alarm her, Dr. Feicht made no reference to the matter in his letters. When Mrs. Feicht arrived home her husband appeared to be in his usual health. Mrs. Feicht was formerly Rebecca Ott, of Zoar, and has a large acquaintance in Massillon.

Dr. Feicht was well known in Massillon, having visited here several times. He was a member of the Economy Society, of Pennsylvania, previous to 1893, and was prominent in the many legal proceedings brought against Trustee John Duss by the members of the association, for whom his brother, Henry Feicht, then of Massillon, was the principal witness. Millions of dollars are involved in the suits, which are still pending. The Economy Society is of the same nature as the Zoar Society.

Six others were bitten by the same dog which attacked Dr. Feicht. J. Mitchell, station agent at Shields, Pa., one of the victims, died on Wednesday in Mercy hospital at Pittsburg. Several of the other victims have been taken ill, and those who have not are under a nervous strain whose consequences will be almost as serious as those of hydrophobia.

LACKS CONFIRMATION.

Rumors of the Death of General Maximo Gomez.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—The report of the death of General Gomez, according to a dispatch from Madrid, cannot be confirmed though the rumor has been in circulation for several days. In contradiction to the report another comes that Gomez left his camp at Yaguajay, in the provience of Santa Clara, and with his main force went into camp in the Sigua mountains, in the same provience, but left with a small escort, moving westward, and is now near Cruices, enroute to Havana. According to this report the general is in good health.

THE HANDICAP SHOOT.

Kinney Leads in the Shooting Match at Chicago.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—Fifteen shooters who were not able to finish the handicap shoot at Watson's park, yesterday, decided their respective positions today. Kinney still retains the lead, none of the shooters today being able to equal his score of 25. Only two men, Grimm and Willard, managed to get second money by killing 24 birds.

Perfumes and toilet water at Baltzly's.

ANTI-SCREEN LAW.

Ohio Operators are Preparing to Oppose It.

IS IT UNCONSTITUTIONL?

Would Remove Every Inducement to Mine Good Coal—To Ignore the Law if Efforts to Adjust Differences Fail.

The miners of Ohio at their convention to be held at Columbus in January, will demand the establishment of the run of mine, or gross weight system at the expiration of the present agreement, April 1. The demand will be made in accordance with the anti-screen bill, drawn by John P. Jones, and passed by the last legislature, which provides for the weighing of coal before it has passed over the screens. For various reasons the operators of the state are greatly opposed to the syetem, and are now laying plans to prevent its going into effect. The operators will present their grievances at the joint conference to take place next month, and an amicable adjustment is anticipated. The operators not only deny that the miner will be benefited by the run of mine system, but claim their business will suffer materially by the careless mining which they say will undoubtedly follow.

The operators of the state will jointly oppose the system and, providing a satisfactory agreement is not reached at the state conference, it is their intention to wholly ignore the law in order that a test case may be the consequence. In Pennsylvania a similar bill was passed, but was later declared unconstitutional by the court, and the same fate is predicted for the Jones bill. Some of the most prominent Massillon operators are responsible for the above assertion, and corroborative statements are volunteered by others. The gross weight system, if established, they claim, would only remove all inducement for the miner to exercise skill and would place skilled and unskilled labor on an equal footing. Under the existing system of mining the rate applies only to lump coal, and the miner is cautious to prevent as much breakage as possible. With the anti-screen law in force the object would be to get as much coal down in the shortest possible time, regardless of its condition, and when screened the percentage of lump would be comparatively small. According to the operators' statements, the miners cannot expect pecuniary benefit by enforcement of the gross weight system, for but three-fourths of the regular rate is paid for run of mine coal, which, under the present system of mining, contains 75 per cent. of lump. Thus the earnings are practically even.

In a recent interview published in a Columbus paper J. T. Lewis, candidate for the office of president of the miners' national organization, stated that the miners of Ohio would insist on the establishment of the run of mine system, and will stand firm for a rate at least as good as the one now in force. The present rate is sixty-six cents, and should the miners demand the same price under the Jones bill it would mean practically an advance of 25 per cent., for but three-fourths of the regular price for mining is now paid for run of mine coal. Under the present rate per ton operators say they are unable to secure sufficient trade to provide work much more than half the time, and an increase would render competition with other states an impossibility. Trade at the present time is exceedingly dull, having revived but little since early fall, and the sole cause is attributed to the enormous amount of West Virginia coal that is shipped north to markets heretofore almost entirely supplied by Massillon mines. West Virginia coal is mined by non-union miners, who are mostly negroes, at a rate scarcely half that paid in Ohio. During this year there were approximately 14,000,000 tons of coal mined in West Virginia districts, which is an increase of about 3,000,000 over the output of all mines in that state last year. This would certainly imply that the 3,000,000 tons were reaching markets heretofore not supplied with that coal, and are displacing Ohio and Pennsylvaina coal. The outlook for both operator and miner is not encouraging, and in order to benefit both, each side should be carefully discussed at the joint conference and a combination effected to protect Ohio coal.

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The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today:

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Wheat	$ 67
Hay, per ton	6 00 to 7 00
Straw, per ton	4 50
Corn	30
Oats	25
Clover Seed	3 50
Timothy Seed	1 10 to 1 15
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.	
Potatoes, per bushel	35
Onions, per bushel	50
Beets, per bushel	40
Apples	1 00
Cabbage, per dozen	40
BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY.	
Butter	18
Eggs	22
Chickens, live	06
Chickens, dressed	09
Turkeys, live	08
Turkeys, dressed	11
MEATS.	
Sausage	07
Spare Ribs	05
Backbone	05
Ham	09
Shoulder	05
Lard	05½

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—[By Associated Press]—Hogs steady $3.15@$3.45; cattle quiet unchanged

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Stock market quiet but firm. Industrials were neglected and lifeless. Bank statement favorable. Money 2½ per cent.

TOLEDO, Dec. 17—[By Associated Press]—Wheat 69½

DALTON, Dec 17.—Wheat, 66-67

BEACH CITY, Dec. 17—Wheat, 60-66

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Export wheat and flour 444,000. Liverpool cabled wheat ⅛d lower. Paris unchanged. Antwerp 12½ centimes higher. Receipts 172 cars and Northwest 849 cars against 934 cars same day last year. Market was quite active and puts protected it. Traders divided as to the future.

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Holiday goods at Baltzly's.

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Struck by Two Loaded Coal Cars in the Woodland Mine.

Frank Smith, employed in the Woodland mine, was ascending a hill in the mine Tuesday afternoon at the very moment when two cars of coal were started to descend. The cars struck Smith, hurled him aside, then left the rails and fell upon him. His leg was more or less bruised from the foot to the thigh, and was broken at the knee. He was also injured about the body, and Dr. Kimber suspects internal injuries. Smith is about 45 years of age, is married and has four children.

Ordinary household accidents have no terrors when there's a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in the medicine chest. Instant relief.

COAL STORED ON DOCKS.

Operators Prepared for Strikes or Other Emergencies.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

PITTSBURG, Dec. 18—The coal operators have sixty thousand tons of coal stored at the lake front, which will lie there until navigation opens in the spring. It is stated here that this immense quantity has been accumulated in order to be prepared for a strike or other emergency in the spring.

Carpet sweepers make beautiful as well as useful Christmas presents. We have the best made and are selling them very cheap—from 75 cents to $3 00 at the City Wall Paper and Paint Store. L. A. Koons, Mgr.

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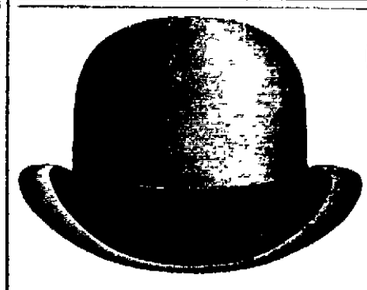

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CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

A GORGEOUS ARRAY OF COVERS AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

The War Spirit Manifest Wherever It Can Be Worked In—Artistic New Works and Reissues of Standard Authors.

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—In our fin de siecle days a Christmas without its books would be like a Christmas without snow. Publishers have realized this fact, and now their Christmas book trade aggregates about 40 per cent of the entire year's output. As early as last January preparations were begun

EMBOSSED LEATHER COVER.
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by the different New York publishing houses for this year's holiday trade. While the Christmas book business does not call exclusively for any one special class of books, there is a demand for a particular character of bookmaking. The popular Christmas book must be illustrated, and its binding must be neither staid nor somber, but embellished with a bright decorated design. One of the best known booksellers in New York city tells me that 80 per cent of all his Christmas books, he believes, are sold by their covers. Books bought during the holiday season are purchased mostly for giftmaking, and a book to be appropriate as a Christmas present must be both artistic and rich looking. The result of this is that never before have the bookstalls and the shop windows held such a brilliant display of alluring cover designs, bright with well blended colors, decorative creations and unique letterings.

Accompanying is an illustration of an embossed leather cover design, copyrighted by The Century company, and showing the newest fad in bookmaking.

The publisher makes it a point to hold back his most attractive publications, so that nowadays the Christmas announcements are the most important par excellence of all the year's. But besides these new books each holiday season calls for a reissue of the "standard" works, always, of course, in their very best Christmas clothes. Harpers, for instance, announce their new biographical edition of Thackeray's works in 13 volumes. But by far the most important publication from this firm will be Bismarck's autobiography, translated under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Butler of Trinity college, Cambridge. The Messrs. Harper inform me that they have now decided on a title for this new work, which will be "Bismarck, the Man and the Statesman."

A book that is having a most phenomenal sale at the present season is Kipling's volume of short stories, "A Day's Work," published by Doubleday & McClure. It is now in its thirty-eighth thousand and still going off like hot cakes. I am told that the cover design for the "Day's Work" is from a sketch by Mr. Kipling himself. There is, to be sure, nothing either especially beautiful or appropriate in his sketch of an old viking ship under full sail. But the amazing thing about this book is its undiminished popularity throughout the United States in view of the fact that more than one of its stories contain a number of what can only be called cheap sneers at Americans and burlesques of the American character. The books seems powerful enough, however, to live down such sins. Thomas Nelson Page's "Red Rock," issued by Scribners, is one of the distinctly American stories that are springing into popularity this season, while Dr. Weir Mitchell's "Adventures of Francois," published by The Century company, is having a corresponding run. A new and somewhat dubious feature of book advertising has been adopted in connection with "Red Rock," a prominent New York book dealer having displayed in his show window the revised proofs showing Mr. Page's numerous markings and alterations. The propriety, not to say wisdom, of such an uncalled for display of work which belongs to the pressroom alone is very doubtful.

Although the final curtain has now fallen on the war, this nation of ours is living over that struggle, battle by battle, in story and essay. The Century company seem to be first in the pace for war literature, and their Christmas book list bristles with martial announcements. The Christmas magazines as well—and not without a touch of irony—serve up a goodly feast of war articles with their poems of peace on earth and good will to man. There is, by the way, always something plump and prosperous looking about all up to date Christmas numbers.

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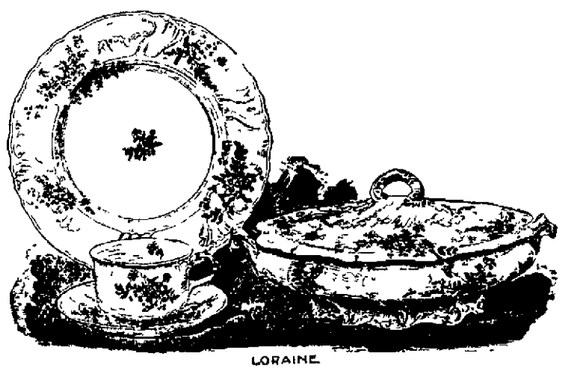
China Hair Pin Boxes. Everything in China.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WOULDN'T it be a good idea to relieve your mind of any further anxiety as to what to give for Christmas by selecting one of our A. B. & M. **Solid Gold Filled Rings**, guaranteed to wear for five years. A written guarantee from the manufacturer accompanies every ring, and if it does not prove entirely satisfactory we will return the money or replace the ring. We must be pretty sure it's a good thing or we would not give this guaranty. . . . . .

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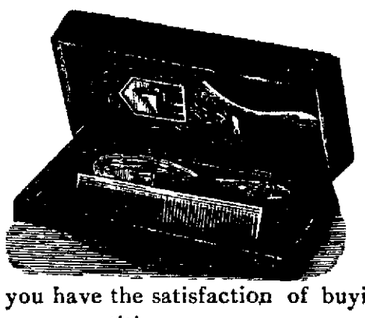

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A FAMILY OF FIELD MICE.

They Had Funny Little Black Eyes and Long Tails.

Spring had come, and all the birds had burst out of their houses, and were living in the bright, warm sunshine. The oats and wheat which the farmer had planted so early were fast turning yellow, now, and were making ready to be carried off to the mill, to be turned into food for horses and people. But a little family had come to live under the yellow wheat. It had been there for some time—a papa, and mamma, and four little ones. What kind of little people do you suppose they were? A very funny kind, I think. Some little gray mice. I wonder if you have ever seen any mice. These little ones were not quite so large as those that come into our houses sometimes, but they have the same funny little black eyes and long tails.

When the papa and mamma of this little family came into the field to make a home, mamma wanted to make their home in the middle of the field, where the sun would shine warm all day; but papa said that he had looked around and found a nicer place over by an old stone wall. So then they set to work with a will, and with hay and grasses made a strong home, to last all through the summer.

There was enough for all to do, but papa and mamma were very thoughtful one of the other, and took turns staying at home with the babies. One day mamma said she would stay at home, for she thought it was time the babies learned to run alone. So papa started out for a good run and frolic in the tall grass. On the way he met a neighbor; they talked of the fine weather, and papa-mouse said, "Yes, it is nice, and the grass has grown so tall and yellow." At this neighbor-mouse looked so sorrowful that papa said, "Why! what's the matter, my dear old friend?" "A great deal is the matter, my dear young neighbors; go up by the farmhouse door and listen; then see if you, too, are not sad; you have not lived in this field as long as I have."

Off papa-mouse went up to the back door of the old farm house, where the farmer stood talking to some men who worked on the farm. Just as he came up he heard the farmer say: "Well, I'm afraid it's going to rain to-night, so you had better cut down the wheat this afternoon." "Oh," thought poor papa-mouse, "that is what made neighbor-mouse so sad, and well he may be; the cutting machine may cut our little home, and the babies are not old enough to run far!"

When papa reached home he told the sad news to mamma, and they sat for a long time thinking what was best to do, they had been so happy in their little house. But while they sat there they heard the farmer calling to the men, and then they knew that they were cutting the grain. They were very much frightened, but papa told mamma-mouse to sit still at home with the babies and he would run out by the wall and look. No sooner had he gone than mamma heard a little child say, "Oh, look at that cunning little mouse! He must live around here somewhere. Let's see where he goes!" Now papa was so frightened that he ran right home. In this way the little child found where they lived; and he ran back to the men and told them not to cut near the stone wall, for a little family of mice lived there. The papa and mamma were now happy and felt glad that they had built near the wall.—The Mother's Nursery Guide.

How Pussy Got a Name.

There was once a pretty cat that lived in a very small town. The railroad ran right through the centre of the town, and divided it right in half. This pretty cat belonged to no one, yet it was loved by everybody. She had one little kitten, but she had no name. She would go from one house to another, and get something to eat, and she was always welcomed instead of being driven away. When she would go into any of the stores, the storekeepers would generally say, "Good-morning, Kitty," and they would sometimes take the boxes off the shelves and let her get on the shelves and catch the mice. One day she wanted to go on the opposite side of the town. She had to cross the railroad, so she picked up her kitten and started off. When she reached the railroad she was very tired. She sat down on one side of it, but she did not notice that her tail was hanging over the track. She laid her kitten down by her side to rest a little. While she was sitting there she heard the train coming. She did not move, though, for she had lived there all her life, and she was not at all afraid of it. The train came along, and rolled right over the poor cat's tail. She didn't even jump up, but sat right still until the train passed. After the train rolled by she looked as if she was nearly frightened to death, but she picked up her kitten and went off, leaving her tail lying right on the track. Just as soon as the people saw her again with that little stump of a tail, they commenced to call her Bob-tail, and always kept it up. So, you see, Bob, by losing her tail, gained a name.—New Orleans Picayune.

Thanksgiving Notes.

Thanksgiving notes are popular with New England school children. They write some pleasant little message on the inside of a double sheet of paper. This is then cut into any fanciful shape, a rabbit, perhaps, or a kitten. A hole is punched through the two sheets and a bit of Tom Thumb ribbon tied through that. This acts as a sort of padlock. Then on the outside is written: "Do not open this till"—for instance—"ten minutes past 5 p. m." After which the notes are distributed among their schoolmates the day before Thanksgiving.

Lost Delight.

There are some pleasures which are inexpensive but satisfying, particularly to the childish mind.

"Oh," exclaimed Marjorie Manson, as the dessert came on, "how I wish you had told me this morning, mamma, that you were going to have ice cream for dinner!"

"Why, what difference would it have made?" inquired Mrs. Manson.

"Oh, lots!" said Marjorie, with a sigh. "I could have expected it all day, then!"

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Teacher—Have you learned yet to use the exclamation point?

Small Pupil—Well, I should remark!

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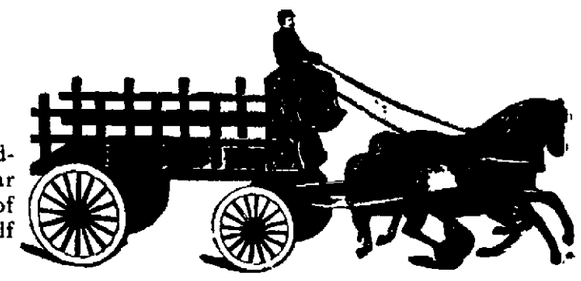

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Fire engine	10c	Fire engines	25c	Dump carts	25c
Trains—engine and one car	10c	Delivery wagons	25c	Ideal passenger trains	25c
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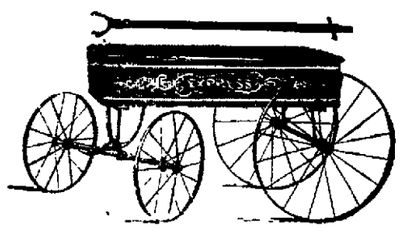

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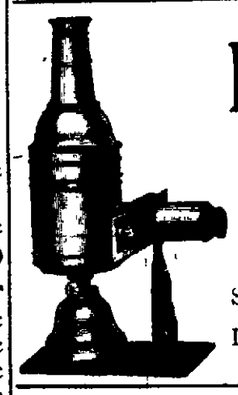

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A Costly Conflagration in Canton Wednesday Night.

A SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLAR LOSS.

The Acme Roofing Supply Company's Plant Reduced to Ashes—But Partially Covered by Insurance—Fire Hydrants Frozen—Other News from Canton.

CANTON, Dec. 15.—The plant of the Acme Roofing Supply Company was entirely destroyed by fire early Wednesday evening. The company's works were located at No. 1134 Windsor Lane, and the company was incorporated in 1891, with a capital stock of $50,000. Dr. A. C. Brant is president and treasurer, and John Lorenze is secretary and manager. The loss is estimated at between $50,000 and $60,000, and the insurance will amount to approximately $25,000 The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have resulted from spontaneous combustion. The fire department experienced considerable difficulty in getting water, for the first three plugs to which the hose was attached were frozen. This condition is due to the fact that the present board of water works trustees reduced the force of inspectors from three to one, and it is impossible for one man to visit each plug in the city in one day.

Suit has been instituted by James H. Hunt, cashier of the Union National bank, of Massillon, against James M. Bayliss to recover $54.10 and $52 65. The petition relates that judgment was rendered against the defendant in Justice McMillan's court in November, 1898 The plaintiff desires that the defendant's interest in the James and Eliza Bayliss estate be disclosed; also the amount due Mr. Bayliss from the county board of elections. Mr. Hunt also desires the court to compel J. W. McClymonds and the Massillon Loan and Building Company to set up their claims to property owned by Mr. Bayliss, lot No. 1841, and that the property be sold to satisfy his judgments.

Judge McCarty granted a divorce Wednesday afternoon to Martha Linn from Joseph Linn. The defendant was sentenced to the Ohio penitentiary in 1895 to serve five years for arson. He was convicted of burning a barn near Limaville. Today the judge is hearing the case of Reese and others vs. Recorder Reed. The object of the suit is to prevent the incorporation of the village of Louisville.

Ann Kennedy has sued George Rhine, assignee of True Bros., of Massillon, to recover payment of a promissory note given in the sum of $100 and secured by mortgage on the stock of goods. She desires the court to adjudge her claim a preferred one and apply the proceeds in the assignee's hands to its payment.

John Pontius, aged 72 years, died on Wednesday evening at his home in North Canton, after a lingering illness with dropsy. The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning from the Wearstler church and interment will be made in the Wearstler cemetery. Mr. Pontius was a brother of 'Squire Andrew Pontius and an uncle of Jackson Pontius, superintendent of the workhouse.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Clifford C. Fritz and Mary E. Richardson, of Canton, and Herman Wyandt and Martha Vogt, of Massillon.

CANTON, Dec. 17.—Judge McCarty will adjourn court for the September term on Monday at noon. The morning will be devoted by him to the disposal of matters in which the decisions have been retained. The decision in the McFarren divorce case will be among those handed down. Judge Taylor adjourned court for the term in room No. 2 on Friday afternoon.

Nelson Whetstone has begun suit against county treasurer T. H. Smith, to prevent him from collecting taxes on property in Marlboro township, which is alleged to have been illegally assessed. The amount involved is $123.83.

J. C. Ohliger has filed a petition in court in which he prays for judgment against Nora Laymiller in the sum of $138.97. The sum is alleged to have been advanced for paying the funeral expenses of the late Catharine Rudy and for caring for the latter.

A final account has been filed in the estate of P. Metz, of Lawrence township. Thomas J. Miller has been appointed administrator of the estate of Catharine E. Miller, of Canton. John C. Mong has been appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret Lawrence, of Canton.

A marriage license has been granted to Charles Shanafelt and Kittie Richards, of Lake.

HE SEES THE MAYOR.

S. W. Goudy Calls on His Honor for Advice.

HIS ELECTRIC LINE AND MASSILLON

Mr. Goudy Thinks the Town Should Take Hold. Just Returned from a Trip Through Western Stark and Eastern Wayne. Where He Found Everybody Anxious.

S. W. Goudy called on Mayor Wise today. "I hear you are a great hustler," said he to his honor, "and I want to see if I can't interest you in my electric railway project. I have got the right of way between this city and Dalton, and all we need now is money. I have just come in from Dalton and East Greenville, and out there the people are wild for the road. Now I want you to suggest some plan that could be worked to get the money that we will need. It would be a great thing for the town, and I think the business men would give liberally toward helping the thing along. I want to know what you think of soliciting contributions. If we could only raise enough money to get the thing started, then we could get some concern or other to do the rest."

Mayor Wise, however, was not prepared to make any recommendations. He needs a little time for thought. Mr. Goudy left with the understanding that the mayor would consider the matter thoroughly, and would make known the result of his deliberations next week. He declares the time for talking is past; some action must now be taken. Mr. Goudy spent yesterday with W. A. Lynch, president of the Canton-Massillon electric line, who, he says, wants to wait until spring before doing anything. This is very unsatisfactory to Mr. Goudy, who wants to get to work at once.

"I am going to lay this before the city council, perhaps at the next meeting, perhaps not until after the holidays," said Mr. Goudy to THE INDEPENDENT, "and I am going to ask it to issue a call upon citizens to take shares of stock. We could make it an enterprise of the people. The council, I feel, will realize what this road would mean to the business of the town, and will not be slow about doing something to further the plans."

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